

IEEE Region 8



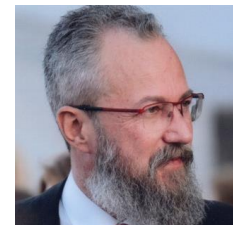
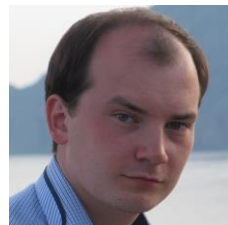
History Activities

Martin Bastiaans

Vienna, March 2024

Region 8 History Activities — Team

- **Martin Bastiaans**, History Activities Coordinator (2021–2024)
- **Tony Davies**, Past History Activities Coordinator (2013–2020)
- **Ahmed Zobaa**, IEEE History Committee member (2024)
- **Antonio Savini**, IEEE History Committee member (2022–2024)
- **Evgen Pichkalyov**, past IEEE History Committee member (2022–2023)
- **Mathini Sellathurai**, IEEE History Committee member (2024)
- **Sergei Prokhorov**, IEEE History Committee member (2022–2024)
- **Stefano Selleri**, IEEE History Committee member (2023–2024)



Mission and Statement of authority

Mission

To stimulate in the Region's subunits the **awareness and importance of history**, the **proper documentation of their history**, and the **organization of history-related activities**.

Statement of authority

1. Document the **Region's history** and make the documentation publicly available on the Region's website and through the [Engineering and Technology History Wiki](#).
2. Support the **Region's subunits** in properly documenting their **history**.
3. Support the **Region's subunits** in their **history-related activities** — such as (but not limited to) preparation of [IEEE Milestones](#), arranging of [Oral Histories](#), and organization of history-related meetings and conferences — and assist in establishing necessary **contacts with relevant IEEE organizational units**.
4. Maintain a strong relation with the IEEE History Committee and the [IEEE History Center](#).

Contact and sources of information

- We can be contacted at history@ieeer8.org (but put m.j.bastiaans@ieee.org in CC).
- The coordinator maintains two webpages on the R8 website: [History Activities](#) and [History](#).
- The R8 [History Activities](#) webpage is updated on a regular basis. Visit the page to see the latest news about **recent, ongoing, and future history activities** in Region 8.
- The Region 8 [History](#) webpage and the [Region 8 history book](#) are updated when new information becomes available. This webpage and the history book are also great **sources of information and inspiration for Sections' histories**.

Region 8 history book - [A short history of IRE Region 9 / IEEE Region 8](#)

- This book is a living document and is updated whenever new material becomes available. Feel free to send any **comments** and **suggestions** for additions to m.j.bastiaans@ieee.org.

More on preserving our history

Documenting Section history at the [Engineering and Technology History Wiki](#)

- Sections are advised to appoint a **History Coordinator**. Please inform us about the person in your Section who acts as the History Coordinator.
- Sections are strongly advised to **document** their [history](#) at the ETHW website.
- Sections are also advised to look for scientists and engineers who achieved important scientific or technical results that – although not qualified for a Milestone – may deserve a broader attention by publication at the ETHW website.

Possible sources for Sections' histories

- The **minutes** of almost all Region 8 Committee meetings are now available as pdf: [1962-1970](#), [1971-1983](#), [1984-1993](#), [1994-2009](#), and [2010-2022](#).
- [Scanned versions](#) of all **Region 8 News issues** are available and an **index** to news of each Section is provided for easy reference.

More on IEEE Milestones

IEEE Milestones

- Sections are advised to **propose Milestones** for significant achievements that took place in their Section. Use your **History Coordinator** and **Life Members Affinity Group**.
- An additional sign placed in the vicinity of the official Milestone plaque, with a **QR code** leading to a link with a description of the Milestone, may draw more attention to the Milestone and provides an easy way to more specific information about it.

The Director has appointed **Claire Lajoie-Mazenc** to lead an AdHoc Committee on **IEEE Milestones Awareness**. The AdHoc Committee should remind Section officers

- to stimulate nominations of Milestones in their Section,
- remind the importance of publicizing the Milestones that have been already awarded in the Region and their respective Sections,

and should therefore define a plan for increasing the awareness and the messages that should be distributed to achieve this goal.

News since the previous Region 8 Committee meeting

HISTELCON 2023, [*Science and Technology or Technology and Science?*](#), took place in Florence, Italy, **7-9 September 2023** (in hybrid form) with **84** papers and **97** participants.

Recently dedicated Milestones

- Grenoble, France, [*MPEG Multimedia Integrated Circuits*](#), 1984-1993; dedicated **28 September 2023**
- Skopje, North Macedonia, [*First robotic control from human brain signals*](#), 1988; dedicated **10 October 2023** **The 1st Milestone in North Macedonia!**
- Paris, France, [*Invention of Sonar*](#), 1915-1918; dedicated **7 December 2023**

Recently approved Milestones

- Birmingham, UK and Ireland, [*The development of the cavity magnetron*](#), 1939-1941; approved **22 September 2023** – dedication planned for 4 June 2024
- Haifa, Israel, [*Intel 8087 Math Coprocessor*](#), 1980; approved **19 November 2023** – dedication planned for 1 July 2024



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Bruce B. Barrow (12 April 1929 — 30 November 2023)

Bruce Barton Barrow, the ‘**founding father**’ of our Region (but from its foundation date – 24 April 1962 – until the AIEE/IRE merger, still a Region of the Institute of Radio Engineers: IRE Region 9), passed away on **30 November 2023** at the age of 94.



IEEE Region 8 is proud to present this certificate to

Bruce B. Barrow

for seminal contributions to the formation of IRE Region 9 / IEEE Region 8.

IEEE Region 8 Secretary

Ali El-Mousa

Madrid
20 April 2013

IEEE Region 8 Director

Martin J. Bastiaans



For more information see his [Oral History](#) (22 November 2013)



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My personal jubilee

25 years Active in R8, MGAB [7] and BoD [3] (1 January 1999)



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