

R8 Director

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Goals

The Director is in charge of promoting and coordinating all activities of the Region and representing the Region in the Mga Board.

Status

Activities of the Standing and AdHoc Committees have been monitored with the direct supervision of the Vice Chairs, the Past Director and the Director-elect, to ensure continuity and coordination.

Membership continues to recover, mainly thanks to the efforts in recruitment of students. Retention of these students and recruitment of higher-grade members will continue to be a challenge, especially in low-income countries and in the transition from students to young professionals. Additional efforts are in progress in various areas to make more visible the value of membership and, especially, offer make tangible the impact of membership and volunteering in the scientific and professional community as well as in the society in general. The goal is to make membership and volunteering more appreciated, in particular by the young generations.

Educational activities, both from the technical point of view and the soft skills, will provide opportunities to members and all individuals in the scientific and professional community to remain on the leading edge of technology and progress in the career, envisioning a life-long learning strategy. Networking will become increasingly important to provide opportunities for sharing ideas and experiences, and grow all together. This will also be fundamental for humanity since it will contribute to sustainability and peace around the world.

Identifying and training volunteers has been pursued and will be essential to ensure the continuous growth of our Region and expand all services and opportunities for members and, more in general, for the entire scientific and professional community. They will be the engine of our Region.

Climate change and sustainable economy are and will continue to play a critical role for many decades: it has been valuable that IEEE and our Region has contributed and will contribute to increase awareness in these issues and disseminate knowledge pervasively to ensure the availability of best technologies and methodologies addressing these issues.

Standing and AdHoc Committees have been working many activities in the respective area of purview to contribute to the above common goals with highly valuable results. Actions should continue in order to continue to serve our scientific and professional community and the impact on the society, contributing to boost the economic and social development, ensure sustainable development, promote the well-being of people, and protect the natural environment will be more and more critical and essential for the benefit of humanity, the environment, and all living beings. Will be essential for all of us and the future generations.