

Region 8 Secretary

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In this reporting period I continued the regular R8 Secretary administrative duties in supporting the activities and operation of the R8 OpCom and the R8 Committee, as well as communication with the global IEEE staff. Minutes of all the meetings were prepared and shared on time. Additional tasks and responsibilities assigned to me by the R8 Director were implemented in a timely manner with high professionalism.

IEEE Region 8 OpCom Meetings

On-line monthly R8 OpCom meetings organized using the WebEx platform:

1. May R8 OpCom meeting, Tuesday, 6 May 2025, 19:00-21:00 h CEST
2. June R8 OpCom meeting, Friday, 27 June 2025, 16:30-18:00 h CEST
3. July R8 OpCom meeting, Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 19:00-21:00 h CEST
4. August R8 OpCom meeting, Tuesday, 19 August 2025, 19:00-20:00 h CEST
5. September R8 OpCom meeting, Tuesday, 9 September 2025, 19:00-20:00 h CEST

In-person regular R8 OpCom meeting organized:

1. June R8 OpCom meeting, Monday, 2 June 2025, 9:00-17:00h CET & Tuesday, 3 June 2025, 8:00-10:00h CET, Hotel Diament Plaza, ul. Dąbrowskiego 50, 44-100 Gliwice, Poland.

Next IEEE Region 8 Committee Meetings

Organizing the selection of the R8 Committee meetings venues in the next 2 years, not only the next one, done for the first time, in cooperation with respective Section Chairs and decided by the R8 Directors Mike Hinchey and Dusanka Boskovic.

1. Fall 2025, Dubrovnik, Croatia 18-19 Oct 2025; host Vinko Lesic, Croatia Section Chair
2. Spring 2026, Helsinki, Finland, April 2026; host Mahdi Pourakbari, Finland Section Chair
3. Fall 2026, Glasgow, UK, 20-21 August 2026 (2 days); in conjunction with the Sections Congress 2026 (21-23 Aug)
4. Spring 2027, Naples, Italy, April 2027; host Giambattista Gruosso, Italy Section Chair
5. Fall 2027, Seville, Spain, October 2027; host Edgardo Castronuovo, Spain Section Chair

Dubrovnik 125th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meetings

Organization of the 125th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting, Saturday–Sunday, 18–19 October 2025, Rixos Premium Hotel, Liechtensteinov put 3, Dubrovnik, Croatia:

1. Cooperation with the organizing team comprising of the R8 Director Dušanka Bošković, the R8 Treasurer Adam Jastrzebski, the ECC team George Michael and Maria Efthymiou and the Croatia Section team:
 - Invitation letters to 125 R8 volunteers and IEEE guests, 27 visas invitation letters
 - Registered 103 in-person attendees & 37 companions, total of 140 participants
 - Rixos Premium Hotel meeting room and A/V arrangements, meeting schedule, IEEE agenda tool
 - R8 meeting webpage, reporting templates, reporting Google Forms and instructions
 - vTools registration fees collection for individually registered participants
 - Organization of the Dubrovnik sightseeing and the travel advisory
 - Other necessary preparation activities including plaques for awards and certificates of appreciation
2. Determination of the valid 2025 R8 Committee voting delegates/Section Chairs, in cooperation with the R8 Section Vitality and Development Committee Chair Andrejs Romanovs and Director-Elect Dušanka Bošković.

Secretariat

The R8 Secretariat in 2025 incorporated one new corresponding member, Martyna Borak, and now comprises of:

- Ljupčo Karadžinov, North Macedonia Section
- Aniko Szakal, Hungary Section
- George Michael, Cyprus Section
- Maria Efthymiou, Cyprus Section
- Martin Bastiaans, Benelux Section
- Martyna Borak, Poland Section