

Life Members at Region 8 Strategy Retreat 2022

Vincenzo Piuri, R8 Director Elect invited about 50 volunteers to take part in the IEEE R8 Strategy Retreat 2022, held in Geneva, Switzerland, Sept 10-11, 2022. The invited participants represented OpCom members, appointed members, as well as committee chairs and members. All are volunteering regional activities and are relevant for each of the topics on which the R8 Committee is focusing attention on the regional and the section level. The selected topics for discussion were volunteer pipeline, student retention and financial sources. Each of the topics was discussed by eight teams in half-day sessions each. The teams provided oral reports and a written summary at the end.

The seats had been pre-assigned to ensure as much diversity as possible. The participants enjoyed the common work in the mixed teams of students, YPs, higher grade and life grade members. Four LMs attended the event from four different R8 Sections. Young and elderly members reported respectfully about the skills and competency of the “other group”. Hopefully, that experience will be continued for the benefits of the R8 members.

Peter Magyar, R8 Life Members Subcommittee Chair



Participants of the Region 8 Strategy Retreat 2022



Life grade members with hosts and guests (r to l): Vincenzo Piuri, R8 Director Elect; Antonio Luque, R8 Director; Magdalena Salazar-Palma LF, R8 Past Director, Spain LMAG; Hugo F. Wyss LS, Switzerland LMAG Chair; Bruno Meyer, IEEE TA VC; Martin J. Bastiaans LF, R8 History Subcommittee Chair, Benelux LMAG; Peter Magyar LF, R8 LM Subcommittee Chair, Germany LMAG.