

R8 Life Members Committee

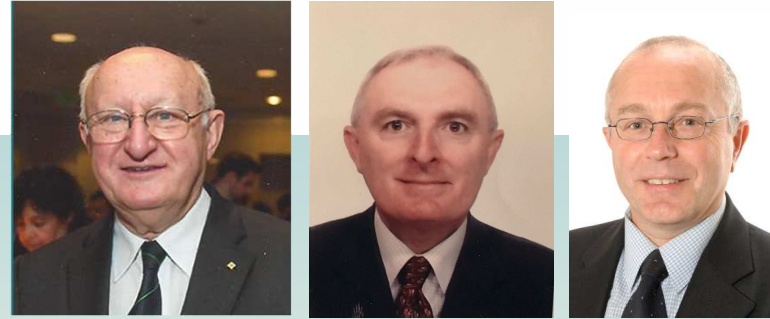
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Peter P. Magyar, R8 LM Committee Chair

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R8 LM Committee 2026

- Peter Magyar, Chair, Germany
- Magdalena Salazar-Palma, Past Chair, Spain
- Antonio Savini, Italy
- Luc J. Claesen, Benelux
- Grigoris Papagiannis, Greece
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- Irina Naidionova, Lithuania
- Margaretha Eriksson, Sweden
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Life Members (LM)

- *Life Members definition*

- “LMs are members who are members of an organization for the rest of their life”
 - “Experience does not go on retreat”
- IEEE Life Membership is automatically bestowed upon an active IEEE member who
 - Has attained the age of 65 years
 - Has been a member of IEEE for such a period that the sum of his/her age and his/her years of membership equals or exceeds 100 years
 - Summarized: minimum age of 65 years + years of active IEEE membership ≥ 100

- LM organization structure

- LMs are organized in Life Members Affinity Groups (LMAG) in IEEE Sections
- Overall organizations
 - IEEE Region 8 Membership Activity, LM Committee
 - IEEE Life Members Committee

LMs and Life Member Affinity Groups (LMAG)

- **LM benefits**

- LMs continue to receive the same benefits that are available to other IEEE members
- Dues & regional assessments and society fees are waived / Reduced conference rates

- LMAGs provide local social, technical and humanitarian activities

- **Keep LMs active in the IEEE community**
- Mentor students and YPs with outreach and grant initiatives
- Encourage life-long learning with events and resources
- Support fellowships and award programs
- Preserving the history of LMs and science & technology



- LMAG benefits

- Available LMC fundings (large projects >\$2k, activity support <\$2k, Milestones \$2k)
- <https://life.ieee.org/volunteers/chapter-financial-support/>

Overview

Facts and highlights

- ▶ 33 LMAGs in 48 of 60 Sections
- ▶ 3846 LMs, 3775 associated with LMAGs
- ▶ 4 potential Sections with >6 LMs
- ▶ 8 Sections to form joint LMAGs
- ▶ Two new LMAGs formed in 2025 Q4
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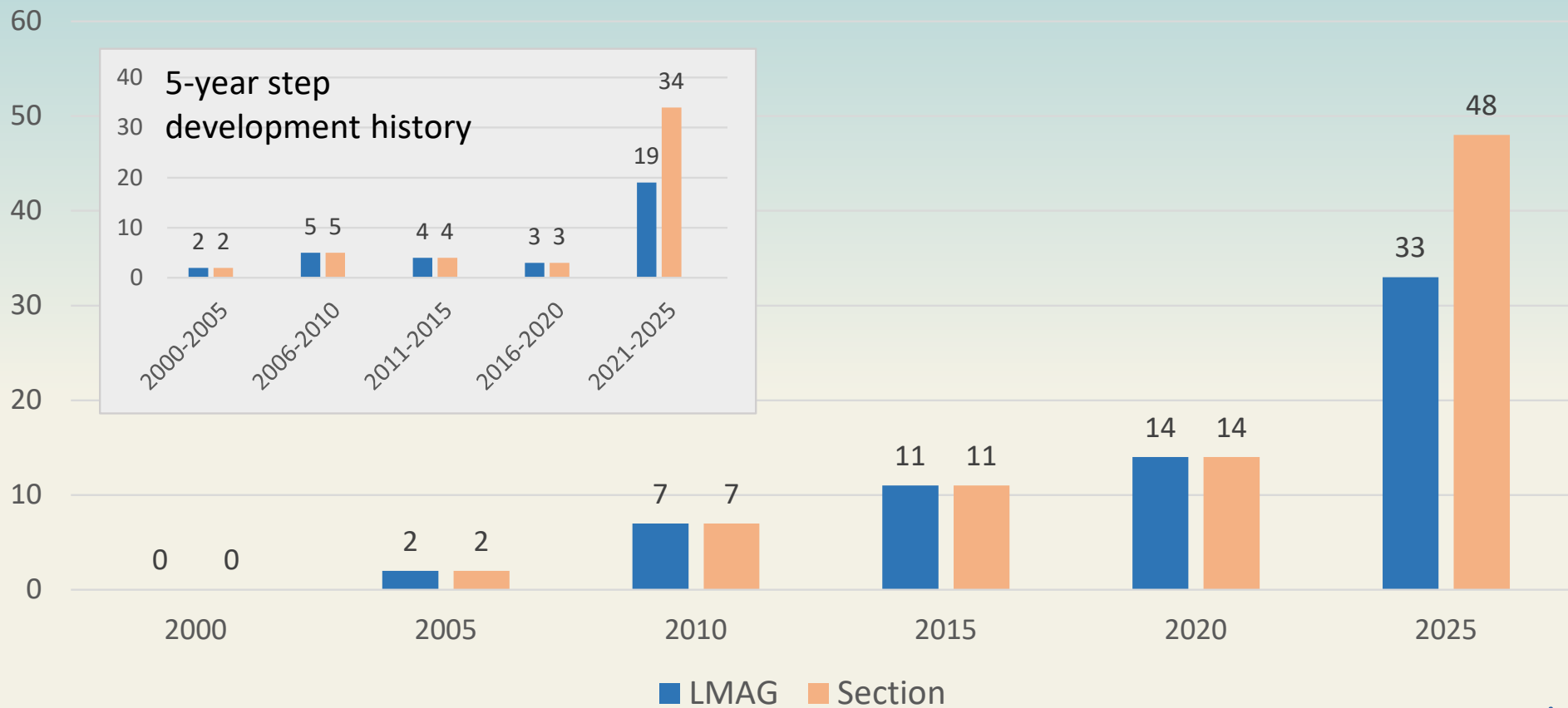
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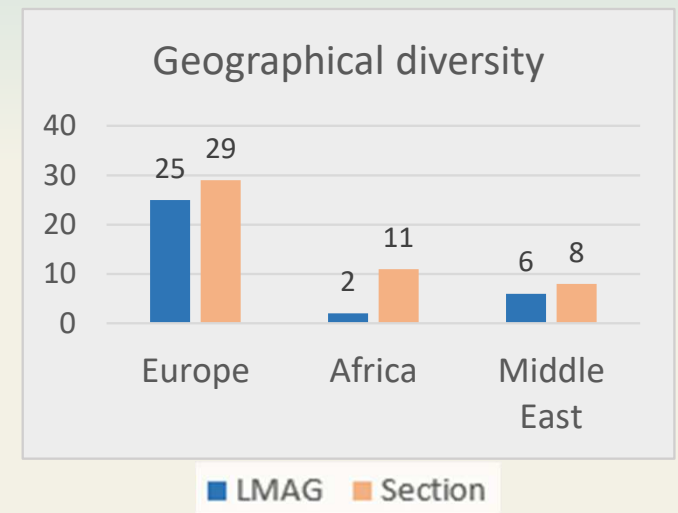
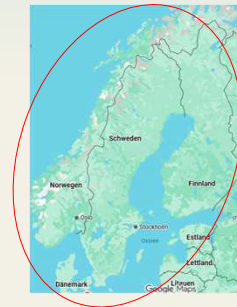
14 LMAGs formed in the first 20 years and 19 LMAGs in the last five years



R8 specialty – we have four Joint Section LMAGs

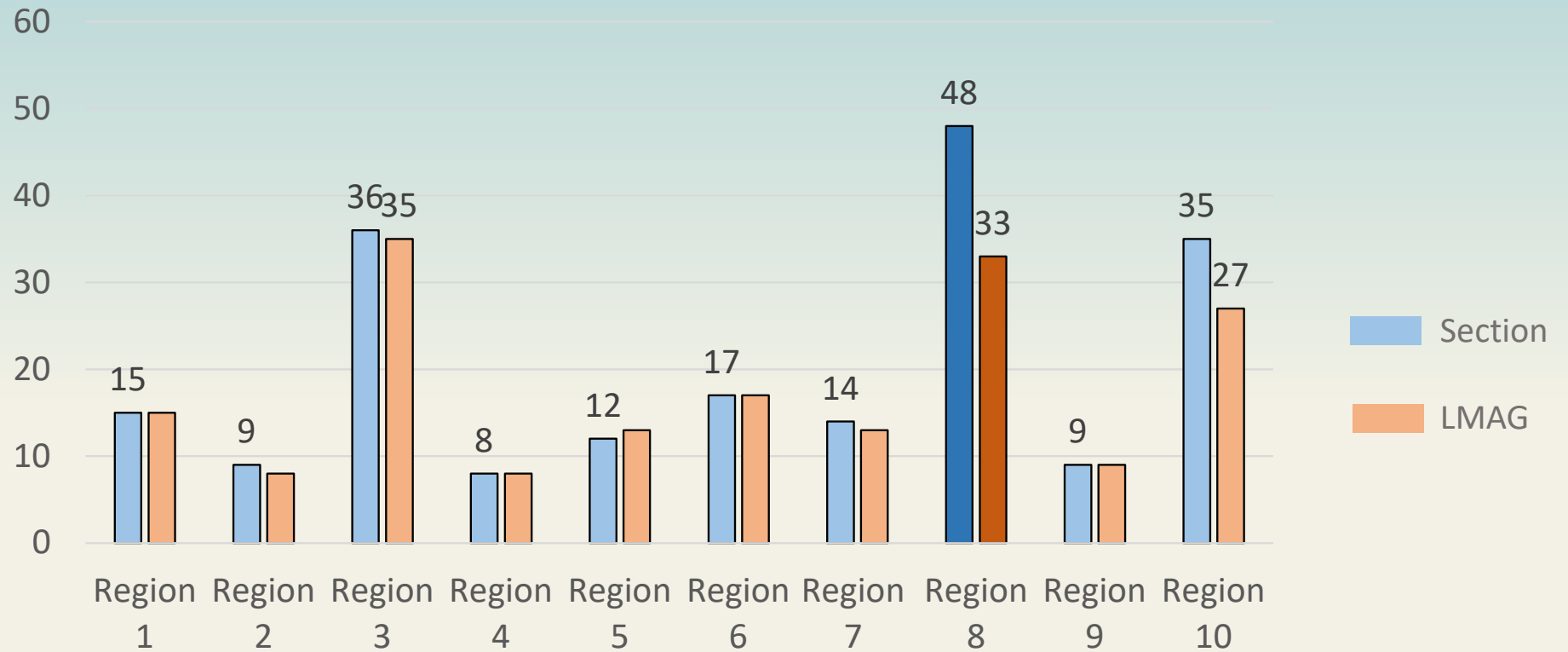
LM opportunity for networking and cooperation

- ▶ Joint *Baltic* LMAG
 - 3 Sections
 - Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania Sections
- ▶ Joint LMAG
 - 3 Sections
 - Bahrain, Oman, Qatar Sections
- ▶ Joint *Nordic* LMAG
 - 3 Sections
 - Sweden, Denmark, Finland Sections
- ▶ Africa Council LMAG
 - 10 Sections
 - 7 Subsections




178 LMAGs in 203 Sections worldwide

33 LMAGs in 48 Sections in R8



LM Committee activity Jan - March 2026

Administrative facts and highlights

▶ Activity calendar in web https://ieeer8.org/category/life-members/		
▶ vTools webinar organized	2	
▶ Virtual LMAG events visited	2	
▶ Extended LM Committee and LMAG virtual meetings held	4	
▶ Arrears renewal action managed	2	
▶ New LMAG chairs elected 2026, rotation rate 18%	6	
▶ LMAG chair's vacancy	0	
▶ LMAG reported events, Jan – Feb 2026	13	
▶ Average of reported 2025 events per LMAG	6 (+50%)	
▶ LMAGs on probation	3 (-100%)	

IEEE LMC Regional Award Program

2026 nomination launched on March 01



Section	Individual LM Service Award	LMAG Achievement Award
Germany		2022 Germany Section LMAG
UK & Ireland		2023 UK & Ireland Section LMAG
North Macedonia	2022 Georgi Dimirovski	2024 North Macedonia Section LMAG
Switzerland	2024 Hugo F. Wyss	2025 Switzerland Section LMAG
Benelux	2023 Vim van Etten 2025 Patrick Dewilde	

LMAG activity

Publicity



- ▶ 10+ articles are presented about R8 LMAG activities in the LIFE Members Newsletter, Issue April, 2026
- ▶ 8 articles are presented about R8 LMAG activities in the region8news, 2024-2025



LMAG activity examples

Benelux Section LMAG



LMAG activity examples

Joint Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Sections 'BALTIC' LMAG



LMAG activity examples

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LMAG Chair



President of Lithuania

LMAG activity examples

Switzerland Section LMAG



R8 LM Committee participating in regional events

Cooperation and networking with Section, Chapter, LMAG, Society

- ▶ March- June
- ▶ Milestone LMAG Event in conjunction with UK&I Section LMAG, Manchester, 13 April 2026
- ▶ LMAG Meeting and Group Mentoring Event, in conjunction with EDUCON 2026, Cairo, 27-29 April 2026
- ▶ R8 Volunteer Leadership Conference 2026, 27-28 June 2026
- ▶ Joint Meeting with Romania Section LMAG , Romania Section IAS Chapter
 - in conjunction with IAS Exec Board Meeting, Timisoara, Romania, 29 June – 01 July, 2026



Thank you very much for your attention