

The current YPs are the future LMs - Mixed LM and YP Meeting in Prague

The R8 LM Subcommittee held an in-person LMAG meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, on Oct 27, 2022. The meeting was organized by the R8 LM Subcommittee in cooperation with the Czechoslovakia Section LMAG. The meeting took place at the Czech Technical University in Prague and hosted by the local LMAG under the leadership of Andre Sopczak, LMAG Chair.

The group of 22 participants contained nine life members, four higher grade and three YP grade IEEE members, furthermore five spouses and a baby.

The program covered pre- and post-meeting social events and a full-day presentation series. After the introductory presentation of the host LMAG the following IEEE related presentations were given:

- IEEE and IEEE R8 Update: an Overview (Magdalena Salazar Palma, R8 Past Director)
- IEEE R8 Member Activities (Sara Pena Barros, R8 VC MA)
- IEEE R8 LM Overview (Peter Magyar, R8 LM Subcommittee Chair)
- Activity of the IEEE History Committee – Milestones (Martin J. Bastiaans, R8 HA Subcommittee Chair)
- LMAG Activity Highlights (Andre Sopczak, Czechoslovakia Section LMAG Chair, Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier, France Section LMAG Chair; Goce Arsov, North Macedonia Section LMAG Chair; Imre Rudas, Hungary Section LMAG Chair)

The other important part of the meeting was the one about technical activity. Two technical presentations were given by the France Section LMAG and the North Macedonia LMAG as well as three ones by YPs. The latter needs an explanation. The R8 LM Subcommittee supported different kinds of student and YP activities, among others the student-led International Youth Conference on Energy (IYCE'2022), held in Hungary, July 6-9, 2022. Three outstanding YP authors (Stepan Jedlak, Czechoslovakia; Kim Krawiec, Germany and MD Moshir Rahman Chowdhury, Hungary) were invited to present their papers again to display the motto of the Prague Meeting "The current YPs are the future LMs". The invited YPs clearly demonstrated their outstanding research and engineering professionalism as well as presentation capabilities.

One of the highlights of the Prague Meeting was the award ceremony in conjunction with the IEEE Regional Life Member Individual Service Award 2022. The plaque was presented by Magdalena Salazar Palma, R8 Past Director, Sara Pena Barros, R8 VC MA, Goce Arsov, North Macedonia Section Chair and Peter Magyar, R8 LM Subcommittee Chair to the R8 Recipient, Georgi Dimirovski, Professor Emeritus of the Cyril & Methodius University Skopje, North Macedonia Section LMAG.

The financial issues are important at such meetings. All participants except the spouses were reimbursed for the meal, travel and accommodation expenses from different financial sources. One participant was supported by his own Section, three participants used their LMC budget and the remaining ~2/3 part of the total expenses was covered by R8 Committee Membership Activity.

The participants found the initial idea of the in-person regional LMAG meeting very good and the meeting itself was also considered as a success. Mixing LMs, regional officers and young members in a joint meeting of a mixed IEEE and technical program was a new and valuable experience. It is planned to organize similar events also during the next election period. There are more volunteer

LMAGs for hosting it, but the decision about topics and venue will be made by the next regional LM coordinator team.

Peter Magyar, R8 LM Coordinator



1. IEEE Regional Life Member Individual Service Award 2022 presentation, (from l to r): Goce Arsov, North Macedonia Section Chair; Sara Pena Barros, R8 VC MA; Georgi Dimirovski, Award Recipient; Magdalena Salazar Palma, R8 Past Director; Peter Magyar, R8 LM Coordinator.



2. Interaction of LMs and YPs, (from l to r): Kim Krawiec, YP; Ms. Jedlak, spouse; MD Moshir Rahman Chowdhury, YP; Georgi Dimirovski, LS; Imre Rudas, LF; Stepan Jedlak, YP.



3. Social event – closing dinner.



4. Meeting break – mixed group of life and young members.