IEEE Region 8 report

Dr Mona Ghassemian - Section chair
Online ExCom meeting
13th Nov 2020
R8 meetings since Section AGM in April

- **R8 meeting for Section chairs- Saturday 13\textsuperscript{th} June (online)**

- **Meeting with IEEE R8 Director Elect- Antonio Luque** (Hosted by IEEE Turkey section- 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2020)

- **Webinars with IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect Candidates**, (Hosted by IEEE UK and Ireland section- 25 September)

- **R8 meeting- Nov 7\textsuperscript{th} 2020 (Part 1)**
  [Part 2 to be held tomorrow]
R8 meeting for Section chairs- Saturday 13th June (online)

- It is an IEEE rule that no travel expenses can be claimed (regardless of local rules/laws about COVID, which vary with country and with time).
- Region 8 finances are in good shape at the moment: Expenditure is very low compared to normal, because of lack of f2f meetings.
- Suggestion for anyone wanting moderate or small amounts for an IEEE activity to submit a request to R8 treasurer with explanation and approximate budget ideas (Our section is to request support for enhancing digital communications (website, webinar content management..)).

Our section report [link](#)
Meeting with IEEE R8 Director Elect- Antonio Luque (Hosted by IEEE Turkey section- 1st July 2020)

Challenges

- COVID-19
- Economic downturn
- Open Access
- Membership dues

Well attended by the UK and Ireland section
Meeting with IEEE R8 Director Elect - Antonio Luc - hosted by Turkey section - 1st July 2020
R8 meeting - Nov 7th 2020 (Part 1)

Membership Statistics – September 2020 – All Regions

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Higher-Grade w/o GSM</th>
<th>Graduate Students</th>
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<th>TOTAL MEMBERS</th>
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**TOTAL**

|        | 281,827 | 289,084 | (7,257) | -2.5% | 36,163 | 39,916 | (3,753) | -9.4% | 47,475 | 61,814 | (14,339) | -23.2% | 365,465 | 390,814 | (25,349) | -6.5% |

- Membership affected by the pandemic disruption of operations, specially student recruitment.
- Society membership affected only by -1.5%
COVID-19 Member Hub

- 1 January – 2 November 2020:
  - 2.02M page views, 1.40M visitors
- In addition to articles, news features, and other reports, there is information on:
  - IEEE on the Front Lines
  - Member Resources
  - Free Resources
  - IEEE Virtual Event activities: a date-sorted list of conferences, Distinguished Lecturers, tutorials, webinars, etc.

https://covid19.ieee.org
Challenges for the near future

- Drop in membership across all grades, and especially Students.
- Lower income from member dues.
- Volunteer burnout or lack of incentives.
- Inability or unwillingness to travel.
R8 meeting- Nov 7th 2020 (Part 1)
R8 meeting- to be continued on Nov 14th 2020 (Part 2)