
IEEE REGION 10 EXCOM
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1. INTRODUCTION

In 2009 Dr Zia Ahmed was reappointed as R10 Newsletter Editor and a member of the IEEE R10 Executive Committee (EXCOM) after publishing very successful newsletters in 2007 and 2008.

The IEEE R10 Newsletter plays the important role of strengthening the fabric of R10 family by:

- Keeping members informed about what is happening at the IEEE HQ, Region 10, IEEE policies and announcements, upcoming conferences in the region and other opportunities to participate in the IEEE activities (both professional and social)
- Facilitating communications among Sections and Student Branches by providing a forum to share their experiences and plans for future activities
- Capturing the information as a historical record for future
- Influencing and promoting the culture of how member interact with each other
- Providing an alternative channel to publish activities reports for Sections struggling to publish their own regular newsletters

The newsletter is produced in soft copy only and made available in PDF format for on-line reading (or downloading and printing by members if they wish to have a hardcopy). E-Notice is sent to around 70,000 members to notify the publication. The R10 newsletter is made available at:

<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/10/Newsletter/Newsletters.htm>

The R10 Newsletter Editor is not only responsible for editing and publishing the newsletter but also for pursuing contributions from members, which is the hardest part of the job. As a result of vigorous campaigns for contributions of news articles from Sections and SBs, more items are now being successfully collected. As a result of these efforts each issue of the newsletter is informative and well-liked by members. An especial feature of the newsletter has been the inclusion of photographs in reports from Sections and Students Branches. The regular publication of the R10 newsletter has made it clear to IEEE volunteers that it provides a very effective medium for Sections and Student Branches to raise their profile in the region and to let others know about their success stories. This has made a very positive effect as more articles are now being received regularly.

2. R10 Newsletter in 2009

For 2009 four issues of R10 newsletter were planned with publication dates in March, July, September and December 2009. All issues were published on time except June issue

which was purposely delayed to coincide with the IEEE R10 Student Congress in July 2009 in Singapore.

The IEEE 125th Anniversary R10 Student Congress 2009 was held in Singapore from July 16 – 19, 2009. To mark this mega event, the IEEE R10 Newsletter also published a special supplement showcasing the student activities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The July issue covered Position Statements of all three candidates for IEEE President-Elect in 2009 elections.

Besides the large number of reports from Sections and Student Branches, the R10 newsletter also covered reports from R10 EXCOM coordinators to keep members informed about the R10 sponsored activities throughout the region. Regular features also included a list of upcoming conferences in the region as well as calls to participate in competitions sponsored by IEEE HQ and various R10 committees.

Although the feedback from members suggests that the R10 newsletter is liked by members, there is still room for lots of improvement in it. The newsletter has not published any popular science or engineering articles or news about research and innovative engineering solutions produced in Region 10. In 2010 special attention will be paid to attract quality articles, especially from researchers in the region and make the newsletter more interesting.

3. Schedule

The R10 Newsletter schedule for 2010 is as given below. These dates are subject to change as more firm dates will be given in the call for submissions and through announcement on R10 website.

Publication Date	Submissions Deadline
March 2010	14 March 2010
June 2010	21 May 2010
September 2010	20 August 2009
December 2010	05 Nov 2009

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