

Report from the Meeting of the Region 8 Educational Activities Committee held in Vienna, March 19 and 20th 2004.

Present: Victor Fouad Hanna (Chair), Baldomir Zajc (Director-elect), Jan Biemond, Duncan Baker, Aleksander Szabo, Kurt Richter and Charles Turner.
The meeting began at 0900 on March 19th

Introduction

VFH proposed the agenda for the meeting and outlined the policy objectives for the Committee. He proposed a mission statement, which was agreed as follows:

Mission

The EASC recommends educational policy to the Region 8 Committee and coordinates the Region 8 Educational Activities programs and products.

to be proposed as a motion for approval by the Region 8 committee.

Action Plan

The priorities for EASC were agreed to be:

1. Increasing the flow of able young people into electrical, electronic and computer engineering, through connecting volunteers from academia and industry with the pre-college community, and through encouraging more women to enter engineering.
2. Assisting Sections with educational issues and activities at a national level, and establishing better contacts with National Societies in educational activities.
3. Helping to resolve questions about the equivalence of academic qualifications for members wishing to work in the countries of Region 8.
4. Establishing new awards for educational activities in the Region.
5. Encouraging all Sections to make use of the resources of the IEEE Education Society through chapter activity.
6. Increasing the provision of continuing education programs for members, through workshops and other IEEE resources.

Motion

The Region 8 Committee approves the Action Plan proposed at the March 2004 meeting of the EASC.

Committee Assignments

Job assignments for the Committee members for 2004 were then agreed as follows:

1. Pre-College Career Education in Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, and connecting to the pre-college community (AS & DB).
2. Continuing Education programs and Continuing Professional programs (in collaboration with SAC and GOLD) (JB).
3. Education/Industry Formation (in collaboration with IRC) (VFH)
4. (a) Educational Workshops and Conferences (in collaboration with the Conference Committee and SAC)

- (b) Women in EE & CE education (in collaboration with WIE) (CWT).
5. Region 8 workshop program on Leadership and Project Management (in co-operation with SAC, GOLD & EMS) (KR).
 6. Special Region 8 awards for EA services (in co-operation with the Region 8 Awards Co-ordinator) (DB)
 7. Recognition and/or Equivalence of degrees and/or diplomas (CWT).
 8. Each EASC member will serve as a corresponding member of EASC for one of the 6 groups of Sections in Region 8.

IEEE Education Society IN Region 8

It was agreed that EASC should be more pro-active in establishing Chapters of the IEEE Education Society in Region 8. There were only two chapters, one in France and a four-fold joint chapter in Scandinavia. It was proposed and agreed that 6 group chapters would be set up, each comprising 7 Sections and having a member of the R8 EASC as a co-ordinator, as follows:

Group 1. Ukraine, Russia (Moscow, Siberia and Northwest), Poland, Bulgaria and Belarus. (Co-ordinator KR)

Group 2. Croatia, Slovenia, Romania, Yugoslavia, Rep of Macedonia, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary (Co-ordinator AS)

Group 3. UKRI, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland and Denmark. (Co-ordinator CWT)

Group 4. Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Benelux and Israel. (Co-ordinator JB)

Group 5. S. Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, UAE, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt (Co-ordinator DB).

Group 6. France, N. Italy, C&S Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Portugal and Spain. (Co-ordinator VFH).

Each Chapter co-ordinator encourages Sections in his group to create Education Chapter and creates a channel in each Section to transmit information about IEEE Education Activities and to receive questions from Sections about specific problems related to Education Activities.

Motion:

The Region 8 Committee approves the formation of the 6 Group Chapters of the IEEE Education Society, as defined in the report from the EASC March 2004

Awards

It was agreed that there should be awards established specifically for those in Region 8 who had achieved notable success in educational activities in the Region. A set of new awards would be presented for approval by the Region 8 Committee at its meeting in Stockholm in October.

Motion:

The Region 8 Committee approves, in principle, the establishment of awards for outstanding achievements in educational activities in the Region.

Report on the EASC Region 8 Workshops on Leadership and Project Management.

A report was presented by Kurt Richter, in which the program of workshops that had been given in the Region in the past year was described. He provided the statistics on the numbers attending and the costs, including the contributions from the host Sections. He also presented the planned program for 2004.

It was agreed that the workshops were being well attended and supported. It was also agreed that the proposals for training future presenters of these workshops should be encouraged and developed.. The first training sessions were scheduled for later in 2004.

The meeting was concluded at 1200 on March 20th

Charles Turner 31st March 2004