**[R3-EXCOM2020] [IEEE R3] AREA 9 REPORT: AUGUST 20, 2020**

Area 9 Chair's Report

To: Region 3 ExCom

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Date: 17 August 2020

The Section hosted its ExCom meeting on Wednesday August 5, 2020

 Plans are in place for:

1. **New Event – Jamaica Section**

   **IEEE Innovation Nation Jamaica 2020**

   Jamaica Section will partner with IEEE Entrepreneurship and IEEE Industry Engagement Committee to host the IEEE Innovation Nation 2020 Project in Jamaica.

   The project will train IEEE students from all the local Student Branches to be entrepreneurs. The project will follow a pre-accelerator model, the perfect training ground for early stage start-up founders to put their business in order and prepare for a full time accelerator or the first investment round.

2. **IEEE DAY 2020 Plans:**

   Series of Activities are planned for IEEE Day 2020 namely:

- **WIE** –Virtual Event – Information Session with the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) to share the Services available to IEEE members
- **Membership Development Drive**:

o        Promote the IEEE new Professional Membership Discount to local organization and their employees.

o        Promotion to "Inactive Members" to reactivate to receive an IEEE Membership Pin. (Limited to 75 Pins) .

**Pending Item**

The Section awaits confirmation/details on help requested from **Region, Member Communication Committee,** on whether or not the Jamaica Section could be facilitated with a website training session of the Volunteers.  It is anticipated that the training will

serves as a refreshers training session and also to develop a pool of potential volunteers to serve in this area.

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