



PES Region 8 Representative Report
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Draft Motions or Financial Decisions Needed from Meeting (include ppt or support documents as needed with report):

None

Consent Agenda Items, Short Descriptions and List of Back-up Material (include ppt or support documents as needed with report):

None

Other Outcomes Requested from Meeting:

None

Future Activities involving Other PES Areas

None

Action Item Updates (List all action items where you are the lead and provide an update)

No open items

Executive Summary (up to 2 pages):

Key Activities since Last GB Meeting

A. R8 CHAPTERS AND MEMBERSHIP

Region 8 is divided into **5 areas** covering Europe, Middle East and Africa. There are presently **46 chapters** in Region 8 (some of them jointly with other societies) with 5969 members (Dec 2017).

4 new chapters were (re)established in 2017 (Austria, Estonia, Ghana and Zambia) and **1 chapter** was closed down (Mauritius).

New leadership was elected in several chapters, and the practice of regular renewal of chapter leadership seems to be slowly taking momentum.

In addition to 46 chapters there are now **55 Student Branch PES Chapters** in Region 8 of which **16 newly** established during 2017.

3 (out of 17) newly elected IEEE Fellows are from Region 8,

1. Prof Gianfranco Chicco, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
2. Dr Patrick Panciatici, RTE, France
3. Prof Eugeniusz Rosolowski, Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Poland

B. REGION 8 MAIN EVENTS

1. Russia Siberia chapter took part in several large events including the 89th Annual International Reliability Workshop "Power System Reliability" in Cholponata in the Kyrgyz Republic, 11-15 September 2017, where people from 6 countries presented more than 90 research papers.
2. Turkey chapter co-sponsored (with IEEE PES) the 4th International Istanbul Smart Grid and Cities Congress and Fair 4-21 September 2017, which some 500 people attended.
3. The 7th IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies – Europe, "Towards and beyond sustainable energy systems", was held at the Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, between 26-29 September 2017 by Politecnico di Torino in Torino, Italy.
4. Student conference "Power and Engineering Student Summit (PESS)" took place in Erlangen/Nürnberg (Germany) in June 2017 with more than 50 outstanding students and Ph.D. from all over Germany,

5. German Chapter sponsored the NEIS Conference on Sustainable Energy Supply and Energy Storage Systems 2017 in Hamburg and organized a Workshop on Future Urban Distribution Grids in September 2017, Hamburg
6. Republic of Macedonia chapter provided support for 5th Student conference for Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development 23-25 November 2017
7. Western Saudi Arabia chapter took part in the Saudi Arabia Smart Grid Conference and Exhibition in Jeddah between 12-14 December 2017, 682 people attended.
8. Egypt chapter sponsored the MEPCON 19 conference in December 2017.

PES Member Driven Initiative & More Power to the Future Initiative

- Based on the information available at the time of writing (31 reports) there have been in total 17 DLP lectures and over 30 other technical lectures across the region during 2017.
- More Power to the Future Initiative in Bosnia & Herzegovina: “Shaping the future of B&H energy industry”, 27-28 November 2017, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 122 attendees

Chapter chairs training

- Region 8 chapter Chairs training took place in Manchester on the 18th June 2017 during IEEE PES PowerTech Manchester 2017 conference with attendance of **29** people including **22 chapter chairs** and chapter chair representatives and 8 PES GB representatives or speakers at the training.
- Region 8 Chapter training in 2018 will take place on Sunday 21st October 2018, during 2018 IEEE PES ISGT-Europe Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Scholarship plus

Inaugural scholarships within Scholarship+ initiative in Region 8 awarded in September to students from Italy during ISGT Europe 2017 in Torino, Italy.

Concerns

1. Bosnia & Herzegovina: In developing countries (Special Circumstances for Reduced IEEE Membership Dues - Developing nations) IEEE PES student membership (\$ 18.00) is larger than regular member IEEE PES membership (\$ 17.50, After 50% Discount). This is demotivating for IEEE B&H PES students. Students in our country (Bosnia and Herzegovina) do not find their jobs immediately (period of employment 1-2 years). During this period, due to the lack of financial resources, they cease to be members of IEEE and IEEE PES. It would be good for this category to have a special status. Proposals: (1) Free membership code (IEEE PES) for Regular Member in this transitional period; (2) 70% discount on IEEE membership in this transitional period.
2. Hungary, Zambia, also have concerns re: expense and losing members when fees too expensive
3. Greece, Jordan and Egypt – economic crises and/or devaluation affected challenge to membership growth and retention
4. Algeria has organized events, despite not receiving money to do so for 3 years
5. France unable to recover HPCP financial reward from IEEE France – misunderstandings with Section board.
6. Switzerland: need support to be able to pay beforehand for events – e.g. like using Credit card; (have to pay in cash)
7. Romania: chapter believes that for any advancement to Senior Member, a prior notification should be sent to the chapter chair. Also, chapter staff were not aware that approval to organize the 2019 ISGT Europe conference had been granted.
8. Russia Siberia: communications between chapters in Siberia and Russia weak
9. Sweden: getting volunteers to be involved on a long term basis is a problem. Also, membership growth and sustainability.

Support Materials and Additional Information:

A. R8 CHAPTERS AND MEMBERSHIP

Region 8 Chapter Representatives per Area and Chapter Chairs are indicated below:

Western Europe (Representative Dirk Van Hertem), 9 chapters:

1. Austria (M. Stifter, interim chair), 2. Benelux (H. Ergun), 3. France (S. Henry), 4. Germany (Istvan Erlich), 5. Italy (Stefano Massuco), 6. Portugal (C. Dias), 7. Spain (Juan Manuel Rodriguez Garcia), 8. Switzerland (Gabriela Hug), 9. United Kingdom and Ireland (Ivan Castro Leon).

Central and North Europe (Representative Ivan Petruzela), 10 chapters:

10. Bosnia Herzegovina (Vedad Becirovic), 11. Croatia (Tomislav Capuder), 12. Czechoslovakia (Zdenek Muller), 13. Denmark (Filipe Faria da Silva), 14. Finland (K. Zenger), 15. Hungary (I. Vokony), 16. Norway (Bard Iver Ek), 17. Poland (D. Dauphin), 18. Slovenia (Tomi Medved); 19. Sweden (L. Bertling).

Eastern Europe (Representative Snezana Cundeva), 14 chapters:

20. Cyprus (Panayiotis Symeou), 21. Estonia (Marko Koort), 22. Republic of Macedonia (A. Krkoleva), 23. Greece (E. Dialynas), 24. Israel (D. Shmilovitz), 25. Romania (M. Eremia), 26. Russia-Moscow (Y. Rozanov), 27. Russia-Northwest (Y. Danilevich), 28. Russia-Siberia (Joint) (Andrey Radionov), 29. Russia-Siberia (D. Siderov), 30. Serbia and Montenegro (Zarko Janda), 31. Turkey (Istemihan Genc), 32. Ukraine (A. Yandulsky), 33. Ukraine (2) (Andrii Zharkin),

Middle-East (Representative Fatima Al Dhaheri), 9 chapters:

34. Algeria (Mohamed Boudour), 35. Egypt (I. Helal), 36. Jordan (Eyad Feilat), 37. Lebanon (W. Kamali), 38. Saudi Arabia (G. Dandan), 39. Tunisia (I. Slama-Belkhodja), 40. United Arab Emirates (B. Zahawi), 41. Western Saudi Arabia (B. Allaf), 42. Oman (Saleh Al-Khayari)

Africa (Representative Tunde Y. Salihu), 4 chapters:

43. Ghana (Godfred Mensah), 44. Nigeria (Kehinde Temikotan), 45. South Africa (Esrām Mahlatsi), 46. Zambia (Mpaisha Phiri)