

IEEE ComSoc EAME Chapters, Overview

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ComSoc Chapters

- **More than 170 Chapters in the world**
- **42 Chapters in Europe, Africa, and Middle East**

EAME Chapters

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Austria | 11. Germany |
| 2. Benelux | 12. Greece |
| 3. Bulgaria | 13. Hungary |
| 4. Croatia | 14. Israel |
| 5. Cyprus | 15. Lithuania |
| 6. Czechoslovakia | 16. Nigeria |
| 7. Denmark | 17. North Italy |
| 8. Egypt | 18. Norway |
| 9. Finland | 19. Finland |
| 10. France | 20. Poland (3 Chapters) |

EAME Chapters

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| 21. Portugal | 31. Switzerland |
| 22. Republic of Macedonia | 32. Turkey |
| 23. Romania (2 Chapters) | 33. Ukraine |
| 24. Russia (4 Chapters) | 34. United Arab Emirates |
| 25. Saudi Arabia | 35. United Kingdom |
| 26. Serbia & Montenegro | 36. Ireland |
| 27. Slovenia | |
| 28. South Africa | |
| 29. Spain | |
| 30. Sweden | |

Key issues

- **Declining membership**
- **Low retention rate**
- **Perceived (lack of) value of membership**
- **Job losses in communication field**
- **ComSoc budget and investment limitations**

Members activity

On average, members attend 0.5 ComSoc events

- **2% are very active in local chapter activity**
- **17% occasionally attend local chapter**
- **27% rarely attend**
- **53% never attend**

86% members show some satisfaction with ComSoc: Only 10% very satisfied

Tools and means to address the problem

- Chapter Funding
- Chapter Achievement Awards
- Chapter Membership Growth Incentives
- Distinguished Lectures Tours
- Travel Grants
- Global Chapter Chairs Congresses
- Regional Chapter Chairs Congresses

Chapter Funding

Starting this year, the following changes were made to this program:

- **The Questionnaire has been modified: The funding and award portions are integrated in one document. The weights of different parameters that determine award have been modified**
- **Prior to approval for financial support, a chapter must appoint key chapter officers, including the Membership Development Chair**
- **Funding support above and beyond the annual chapter funding will be considered for special projects deemed valuable**

EAME Activities

- **Student Travel Grants**
 - **INFOCOM 2006 (Barcelona): 1 grant**
(Conference in Region 8)
 - **ICC 2006 (Istanbul): 1 grant**
(Conference in Region 8)
- **Distinguished Lecturer Tours**
 - **Ibrahim Habib, March 2006: Italy**
 - **Abbas Jamalipour, June 2006: Poland, Turkey, Macedonia, Croatia, Hungary**
 - **4 under consideration (Manu Malek, Ibrahim Habib, proposed by Finland Chapter, proposed by Portugal Chapter)**

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