The EAME Regional Chapter Chair’s Congress

Trevor Clarkson
EAME Director (2000/1)
Attendees

Representatives from
- Europe
- Africa and
- Middle East

ComSoc President
Roberto de Marca

Region 8 Director
Levent Onural

VP Membership Development
Doug Zuckerman
Monday am

9:00 Welcome - Trevor Clarkson, Roberto, Doug, Levent Onural
9:15 Introduction of all participants
9:40 The EAME Region  Trevor Clarkson
10:00 Overview of ComSoc  Celia L. Desmond
10:30 Break
10:45 ComSoc membership services  Horst Bessai
11:00 Staff people and responsibilities  Carole Swaim
11:20 ComSoc marketing support  John Pape
11:40 Regional events and support  Jozef Models
12:15 Lunch (C7)
Programme (Room C5)

Monday pm

Group Workshops:
1:30 Techniques for successful Chapters
   a) Volunteer issues for Chapters, recruiting new members and officers
   b) What ComSoc support is required to help Chapters?
2:30 Report back
3:00 Break
4:00 Formats for successful Chapter meetings
    ... followed by discussion
5:00 Selection of most promising ideas
5:30 Summary
6:00 Break
6:30 Conference Reception (City Hall)
Tuesday am

8:00 Breakfast (C7)
9:00 ComSoc membership programs  
Byeong Gi Lee
9.30 Workgroups to prepare recommendations for ComSoc on new or revised programs
10:30 Share results  
Trevor Clarkson
11:00 Break
11:20 Questionnaire and comments on RCCC  All
11:50 Closing Remarks  
Roberto, Trevor
12:00 Lunch with Sister Society reps (Restaurant Panorama)

after lunch

Sister Society liaison (C4)  Alex Gelman
EAME Chapters

• There are 33 Chapters in EAME
• 21 Chapters were represented at the RCCC in Helsinki
Volunteer issues for Chapters

*Not prioritised*

- Recruit committee members
- Recruit new members
- Retaining members
- Keeping existing members active
- Relationship with national societies
- Student membership
- Avoid the Chapter or members lapsing
What ComSoc support is required to help Chapters?

• Show the value of ComSoc membership for professionals and students.

• (a) Maintain an up-to-date email list for every Chapter, with an alias.

• (b) Provide access to the email lists of major conferences for marketing events.

• ComSoc to provide a certification program for communications engineers

• To bid for a conference at a Chapter site.

• Provide educational material for other certification programs.

• Provide SAMIEEE information to the Chapter Chairs
Formats for successful Chapter activities

- Lectures on hot topics
- Joint activities with other Chapters or the national society
- Breakfast meetings
- Student lunches (free) followed by a seminar
- Invite key speakers
- Advertise effectively
- Organise company events
- Local workshops and conferences, with awards
- Fee incentives
- Employment seminars
- Company-sponsored awards
- Student Project Prize
- Best-performance undergraduate prize
- Travel prizes (to IEEE/ComSoc events)
- Free half-year membership programmes
Recommendations to ComSoc

- **Student support programmes**: modify regional assessment esp. for younger members in low-income countries, advertise the graduated dues program, prizes, PhD support, student paper contest, summer schools.

- **Joint Chapter activities**: funding to invite an in-Region Chapter - 2 day meeting, social activities, industrial visits, long-term collaboration.

- **Local EAME workshops**: support MELECON, EUROCON, AFRICON with ComSoc-funded workshops (called ComSoc8), provide travel grants, subsidised conference registrations.
Recommendations to ComSoc

- Incentives to retain (senior) volunteers; *subsidised dues, travel grants, appoint a representative in university departments, make use of retired members.*

- Fast delivery of publications; *improve on current mailing methods without requiring air-mail supplement.*

- Provide a certification program for communications engineers

- Provide “SAMIEEE information” to the Chapter Chairs