

**IEEE Communications Society
Regional Chapter Chairs Congress
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Le Meridien Hotel / Courcelles Room**

Summary Report

Participants:

- 23 Chapter chairs or representatives
- ComSoc Officers: Harvey Freeman, Stefano Bregni, Zhengsheng Zhang, Mehmet Ulema, Alex Gelman, Rob Fish, Peter Nagy
- ComSoc Staff: Susan Brooks, Bruce Worthman, Carol Cronin, Kerriane Sullivan, Adam Greenberg
- EMEA Board: Andrzej Jajszczyk, Ali C. Begen, Piotr Borylo, Peter Rost

Major topics:

- Member & global activities
- Administrative support
- Membership development
- Technical activities and industry outreach
- DLT & DSP coordination
- Chapter funding

Features:

- Good chapter presentations
- Fruitful discussions

Problems raised during chapter presentations:

- Decreasing number of ComSoc members
- No clear benefits for potential members
- Too high membership fees for students
- Changing technical interests: towards software-related issues
- Brain drain from less developed countries
- Obsolete operation of IEEEExplore
- Quality of some Distinguished Lectures not satisfactory (it is necessary to select DLs more carefully)
- Better recognition for volunteers
- Support for communication professionals fleeing war zones (e.g., in Syria): scholarships, temporary research positions etc.