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

Programme (Room C5)

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 Modelski*
		Jacob Baal-Schem
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)

Programme (Room C5)

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

The EAME Region
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