Student Paper Contest Digest

MAIN GOALS OF SPC ACTIVITIES

IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest (SPC) is a traditional, over forty five years existing student, scientific, academic and technical activity in Region 8. SPC was and is an important IEEE topic in many aspects, just to mention some of them:

- PC is an excellent occasion for personal leadership and involvement of student members in a prospective IEEE scientific/technical activity;
- SPC is a very good reason and chance for activating and keeping active Student Branches;
- It makes possible further promotion of IEEE among students;
- It is a nice possibility for IEEE members with non-student grades - the local and regional SPC Committee (Jury) members, their colleagues (associate reviewers), Student Branch Counselors, professors (student mentors) and many others to be involved and to participate in such an interesting IEEE student activity.

GENERAL

Once every year, each IEEE R8 Student Branch (SB) may hold and organize a local Student Paper Contest under its own responsibility. The organization of a local SPC generally means that contest should be announced publicly in advance and that all submitted papers are to be locally reviewed by qualified specialists. Additionally, all R8/Sections/Chapters IEEE Conferences, having student papers sessions included in their programs, could and should also be used to get additional proposals for SPC. As long as a SB is formally supporting and accepting any type of a student papers contest activity, it is in line with the existing SPC rules. Student Branch Counselors should be fully involved in all local SPC activities, as well as all other local IEEE officers (section chairs, chapter chairs, student activities officers, members of executive committees, …). The winner(s) of each Student Branch Contest may compete for the Region 8 Contest, held within the Region 8 limits. A Student Branch may submit one paper per every 100 Student Branch members or part thereof, with a maximum of three papers per SB.

WHO COULD PARTICIPATE ?

IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest is for IEEE R8 student members or graduate student members who have not yet started their PhD. Only IEEE R8 student members could be authors of the IEEE R8 SPC papers. Professors-mentors and other associates can not be SPC authors (but their names could be acknowledged in the FINAL versions of the papers). Each student author must be a member of an IEEE Student Branch at the time of the original submission of the paper to the Branch Contest, and a member (student or not) of the IEEE at the time of the R8 Oral Finals presentation. The work presented has to be completed before the student receives the engineering degree that entitles her/him to start preparing a doctoral thesis. The submission of the paper to the Region 8 SPC must be completed within 12 months after graduation. A doctoral thesis is not considered. Published work is excluded from the Contest.

CHARACTER OF THE PAPER

Papers should cover technical and engineering aspects of a subject reasonably within or related to the areas with which the IEEE is concerned with. The work need not be original in engineering or scientific content, but should be original in treatment and concise in coverage of the author's contribution to the subject.

DEADLINE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The deadline to send full papers to IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest 2015 is December 15, 2014. Send papers by email to g.paunovic@ieee.org . Papers submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

JURY, FINALISTS, ORAL FINALS AND PRIZES

An international jury will grade the written papers sent by Student Branches to the Regional contest without knowledge of the identity of the authors and of their school, and will decide which five papers will be accepted for presentation at the Regional Oral Finals. All finalists will be invited and financially supported to present their papers at IEEE R8 EUROCON 2015 Conference, September 2015, Salamanca, Spain. The papers will be published within EUROCON 2015 Conference Proceedings and included in IEEE Xplore Digital Library. Three best finalists will get prizes from the IEEE Life Member Fund.

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