

## Outcomes and Action Plan:

The 2008 GOLD Congress held at Queen Mary University of London was a successful meeting, which outcomes and action plan are presented in this document. The event counted about 30 participants and covered a broad spectrum of topics. The discussion started with ways of getting involved and getting active in the IEEE. Then the discussion went continued on how to build a successful IEEE career. A session on the best practices followed, which gave great inside into GOLD activities all over Region 8. The GOLD relevant workshops on the second day focused on bridging GOLD and student activities as well as balancing work and family life. While the first was very well attended the second allowed the assorted audience to share some very personal views. The three-days congress ended with a very interesting debate on IEEE Standards as well as a roundtable discussion on how to shape the future of R8GOLD activities. Finally, the input from all section GOLD leaders was gathered in order to be presented at the IEEE GOLD Summit in Quebec City (18/19 September 2008). GOLD leaders were encouraged to share their successful activities, failure stories, problems and future plans. The success of the Congress was made possible by the enthusiasm shown by all the attendees! Thanks to you all!



The resulting TODO can be summarized as follows:

- Update Webpage (R8 GOLD Committee with input from GOLD officers)
  - Insert links to HowTos, GOLDen presentations, best practices - input wanted!
  - Promoting IEEE awards
  - Questionnaire / newsletter (small bits of info at a time)
  - Promote GOLD ieee.tv / youtube contest
- Encourage information exchange between GOLD officers
  - Wiki pages (Joao)
  - Newsgroup (Kresimir)
  - Promotion of GOLD forum (Prince)
  - Conference calls regularly on topics:
    - Joint activities
    - New ideas
    - Needs for support
    - Corporate collaborations
- Create pool of local volunteers
  - Sent out emails to ask for volunteering
  - Contact people personally
- Team up with Social Responsibility Companies
  - Use their communities
  - Provide GOLD partnerships

