

Visit of MTT-S Regional Coordinator in Turkey

Ozgur Ergul and Jan Machac

Jan Machac, one of two MTT-S Region 8 Coordinators visited the Turkey AP/MTT/ED/EMC Joint Chapter from November 29 to December 3, 2017. The host was the Chapter Chair Assoc. Prof. Ozgur Ergul and the new team of the chapter. As essential parts of his activities, Jan realizes the importance of visiting chapters to get first-hand information on their vitality, as well as to personally meet with chapter officers and to support them in their important commitments to the society.

Jan visited two universities in Ankara: Bilkent University founded in 1984 and Middle East Technical University founded in 1956. These two are among the top universities of Turkey with only 5 kilometer distance between them. In both chapter meetings at these universities, Jan delivered a technical lecture entitled “Substrate Integrated Waveguide – Base for Leaky Wave Antennas”, followed by scientific questions and fruitful discussions. After the technical parts, Jan also presented informative talks on IEEE and MTT-S. He provided a detailed overview of the organizing structure of IEEE and its missions. He further described the main activities of MTT-S, including diverse supports given by the society to related chapters and MTT-S members. Students were particularly interested in the graduate scholarships – so the society may expect some strong applications to these scholarships from Turkey in the next years.

During Saturday sightseeing in Ankara – the capital of Turkey, Jan further discussed the activities of the chapter with the representatives. Under the leadership of Ozgur and young members – Hande Ibili, Sadri Guler, Turker Dolapci – of the chapter steering committee, the chapter has been completely revitalized with more than 18 distinct activities in 2017 and even more planned for the rest of the year, in addition to a busy schedule in 2018. This is literally similar to the reborn of the mythical bird Phoenix out of its ashes. Due to the previous inactivity of the chapter before the new team was elected, the chapter has a very limited funding, even sometimes supported personally by Ozgur. Hence, Jan encouraged the chapter to apply for grant opportunities, including the MTT-S Outstanding Chapter Award.

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Ozgur (left) introduces Jan's lecture at the Middle East Technical University.



The meeting room is full of interested participants. Right – Ozgur Ergul (Chapter Chair) and Hande Ibili (Chapter Treasurer).



Outdoor meeting of Chapter steering committee together with Jan Machac.
From the left: Turker Dolapci, Ozgur Ergul, Jan Machac, Sadri Guler, Hande Ibili, and Ayca Arslan Ergul.