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Getting Closer to Industry

- Works well: Dedicated industry sessions and panels at conferences
- Needed: incentives (e.g. reduced entry) for industry delegates that do not present papers: you cannot ask a CTO of a
 company to give a keynote and then ask to pay the conference fees.

Students and Young Professionals

- Works well: full support (personal and financial) for our fantastic student branches and their activities. Especially networking among student branches is popular. Also courses on fundamental EE things (LaTeX, soldering, etc.) and discussion sessions with industry leaders.
- Needed: Additional funds/scholarships that further enable that.

Section Vitality

- Works well: social meetings among chapters, branches.
- Needed: align major section meetings with conferences etc. to reduce travel efforts.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Separate legal entity for IEEE Austria is on the way: Final Version of "IEEE Austria Statuten" agreed with lawyers from Wolf-Theiss and partners and lawyers of IEEE headquarters.
- We had again extraordinarily many technical activities last year (courses for Matlab, Programming competitions, etc.), see: http://ieee-austria.org/index.php/past-events/range.listevents