

## **Turkey Section**

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List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help your Section in your industry-related activities?

Turkey section have a industry relation coordinator (Dr. Gokturk Poyrazoglu) to foster relations. Under his leadership, webinars are organized. In addition during the IEEE Region 8 SYP Congress, two experts from the Turkish Industry are introduced to general IEEE audience. In the future we are planning to connect Turkish Startups with our members, both to promote innovation and entrepreneurship and to connect out student and YP members. We are planning to work with R8 Action for Industry in the future.

List the activities addressed to Students and/or Young Professionals and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your students and YP-related activities?

We and IEEE YP have already done 10 e-talks (IEEE Turkey YP Answers series), 11 IEEE Turkey YP Webinars, 3 IEEE Connecting Experts webinars (co-organized with IEEE Region 8 YP), 2 panels (an industry panel in IEEE Turkey SYPC, an international YP&WIE panel for IEEE Day), 1 intro presentation.

In addition to continuing all the activity series listed above, YP AP plans to organize 1 national YP meetup, 1 international YP meetup, 1 Workshop for Scientific Writing and 1 SYP camp (STEP).

One of the important activity for our students was 2 panels "Engineering The Future in The Post COVID World" and "Engaging with Global Environmental Issues Through Engineering Solutions"

## List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your membership-related activities?

Our most important activity to promote IEEE membership is the IEEE Turkey Science awards. The categories are Lifetime Achievement, Exemplary Service, Research Encouragement, and Dissertation categories. Only IEEE Turkey members are eligible. This year we had two distinguished guests during the ceremony; IEEE President-Elect 2020 Susan Kathy Land and Awards Board Vice Chair Karen Panetta. The ceremony watched more than 1000 times in our youtube channel (http://yt.ieee.org.tr).

IEEE Turkey Section chair joined a radio program of the Turkish Radio Television Corporation to promote IEEE. In the future we are planning to discuss with universities to reimburse IEEE membership fees.

Another initiative that we are planning is to have a meeting with Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey that the IEEE membership fee can be approved part of their project budgets.

# List the activities intended to support chapters, affinity groups, and student branches and the results obtained. List the related initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your support to chapters, affinity groups, and student branches?

We are working closely with chapters, affinity groups, student branches, technical activities; humanitarian activities with the help of our coordinators. IEEE Turkey handles financial operations for them. We also provide technical support and support in social media. Due to pandemic, most of our future meetings will be online as well. We remind our chapters their election times. Our WIE and SIGHT groups are active and planning new events. Region 8 can provide a guide book about other initiatives in R8.

#### Challenges (with a focus on what support is required from Region 8)

Our main challenge is high membership fee of IEEE with respect to the income levels in Turkey. IEEE region 8 can start a petition for IEEE to set membership fees according to the average engineer income in a country.













