

## IEEE Denmark Section

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### Section Vitality

The election were held at the latest AGM in December 2020. The main posts were uncontested. Prof. Edward Gatt (chair) Dr. Alexander Micallef (Vice Chair), Dr. Clifford De Raffaele (Secretary) and Dr. Paul Zammit (Treasurer). Elections were also held for the Computer Society Chapter, Women in Engineering, Student Branch and YP.

### Closer to Industry

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations? How are you going to continue to foster Industry Relations? \*

In the past months, due to COVID-19, the Section was struggled to organize events for getting closer to industry. Furthermore, the Section Chair has moved out of Denmark, and there is a new Interim Chair from February 2021, so there has been a slight disruption. The Vice Chair of the Section is from the Danish industry, who has been striving to connect the local industry with the section. In the next months, we will try to establish the connection and make more activities with the industry. We would like to see – what benefits the Section can bring to the industry. Probably, the Region can give some advice and share the best practices. In addition, the Chair of the Industry Relations Coordinator in the Section, who is also from the Danish Industry, has made a plan as virtual events in the coming months for continuing the engagement of industry.

### Attract and Support Students and Young Professionals

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Attracting and Supporting Future Members? How are you going to continue to support Students and Young Professionals? \*

Since the last report in October 2020, there have been a number of activities for students and young professionals, despite COVID-19. In those past months, the IEEE Denmark Section YP AG has organized a number of events, as webinars/workshops online and joint conferences (e.g. IEEE Conference on Dependable and Secure Computing). The IEEE Denmark Section WiE AG has held a WiE kick-off webinar in December 2020, and there is a plan for a another one in the coming months. The two students branches in the IEEE Denmark Section have been a bit idle during the lockdown period, and now, are gradually resuming the activities, e.g., making newsletters, organizing online events, etc. The Section as usual will continue support students and young professionals, keep the student branches active, and co-organize events with YP and WiE AGs, in order to attract more students and young professionals.

### Membership

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? \*

The Section has now 782 members until today. Compared to the case during last reporting, where there were 920 members, the section had a drop of around 17% in members. This is reasonable and expected, as due to the COVID impact, many activities were not held. By the next reporting cycle, we would expect slightly increase of members, as well as female members, along with the organization of various online events. In addition, the section offers are well balanced between industrial and academic members, which is another aspect benefiting the membership development of the entire section.

Due to the very recent change in leadership it is difficult to provide an overview of the upcoming initiative.

### Section Vitality

What activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality? \*

Because of the COVID-19 impact, the Section has been a bit idle during the past months. It did help the IEEE Denmark Section YP and WiE AGs and support their activities. This will be continuingly going on in the next months. The Section will also focus on organizing virtual events to attract different groups of people, and two distinguished lectures have been planned in November and December. Unfortunately, these were not able to be completed due to a lack of response from the distinguished lecturers that we contacted. The section will also keep supporting the student branches.