Sections Congress coordinator

Report

Sections Congress recommendation process was fulfilled during the past months.

1. All potential recommendations were recovered from the focus groups during the London meeting and the particular ones that have been sent through the online system.
2. All the recommendations were analysed to comply with the official regulations. Only a few were not considered due to lack of clarity or because they were already recommendations in the past.
3. An online survey was created for R8 Committee members to vote.
4. Poll was open for a few days, reminders were sent to vote and finally 62 votes were casted with the following reported results:

Please select four of the following recommendations

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
IEEE Day, a yearly Day to recognize IEEE members' achievements and to celebrate worldwide (W)		28%	17
IEEE should produce a flexible, customizable and non-intrusive e-mail system to communicate with its members thus avoiding multiple postings from different sources (W)		38%	23
Improve memberNet service for better networking (W)		13%	8
Increased support to students in technical activities with grants to attend conferences and organization of competitions (W)		48%	29
Direct support to members in low income countries by a program that enables voluntary payment of one or more e-Memberships during renewal (W)		36%	22
Online personalized reminder		18%	11

Recommendation		%	Count
system of volunteer deadlines (W)			
Creation of official Professional Activities Affinitty Groups (W)		11%	7
Industry benefits package including continuing education program (W)		25%	15
Reduction in member dues to conference registered participants (W)		18%	11
Conference managament tool (W)		21%	13
Support relationships between Sections and local National and Professional bodies (W)		15%	9
IEEE membership should include a Society membership in the regular fee (also E-Membership) (W)		36%	22
IEEE renewal is automatic unless opt-out by member (W)		15%	9
"Seed grant" for all newly established GOLD affinity groups to support their startup and make new professional life within IEEE easier.		5%	3
Evaluation of quality of papers in IEEEXplore as a publication database (quality label)		10%	6
E-membership available for all members		25%	15
Start a program that enables Inter Region Student Branch Collaboration		16%	10
Professional Activities Lecturer program.		21%	13
		Total Responses	**61**

5. The four most voted recommendations were formated in the official SC form and submitted to MGA for consideration.
6. Currently we are waiting for the final results on the recommendation process.

In addition to that, the SC registration process in ongoing and this coordinator has been providing the required support in all matters related with this registration.

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