

IEEE Republic of Macedonia Section Report - February 2012

1. Highlights from the past

- During the period August 2011 – February, 2012, our Section organized: 12 technical and 4 administrative meetings.
- The Section has supported the student activity: ROBOMAC 2012 (20-26 February 2012). ROBOMAC was organised by IEEE Student Branch (SS Cyril and Methodius University) in cooperation with EESTEC - Macedonia. About 100 participants (35 from 29 countries other than Republic of Macedonia). The event consists of 5 day competition among mixed teams (team members from different countries) and 11 technical lectures delivered by professors or professionals. This event has been supported by IEEE Control System Society, and by R8 VCF and R8 student activities.
- 3 teams from our student branch participated at IEEEExtreme 2011. They took 7th, 40th and 51th place in general classification and 3^d, 16th and 19th place counting teams from R8.
- Also the section has sponsored the X-th International Conference on ETAI (Electronics, telecommunications, automatics and informatics) held in Ohrid (16-20th September 2011)
- The election in the student branch has been performed using vTools. With a little delay the section and the chapter officers have been elected. The election process was conducted using vTools.

2. Future activities

- The first thing to do is to develop web pages for the chapters that don't have one. The activities have been started.
- The section will increase the cooperation with the ICEST conference series and will support the organization of other national conferences.
- GOLD, Technical activities, WIE, Professional activities and Industry relation officers will be appointed.
- Membership development activities are planned, especially among the engineers working in companies other than Universities.
- Regular technical and administrative meetings as well as some social meetings are planned.

3. Best practices

- Section ExCom is collecting membership fees from students in local currency and fees are paying directly to IEEE from Section custody account.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Retention of student members after graduation.
- Enhance professional networking opportunities.
- Low membership from industry.

5. Miscellaneous

- New Chapter, IT, has been established and approved, so the total number of chapters in the Section is 8.