

IEEE Bulgaria Section Report March 2012

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1. Highlights from the past

- Celebration of 15 anniversary of IEEE Bulgaria section during all technically cosponsored conferences
- Technical co sponsorship for InfoTech 2011 conference
- Technical co sponsorship of IEEE conference Intelligent Systems 2012 in cooperation with IM09/CS23/SMC28 Chapter and CIS11 Chapter
- Technical co sponsorship of conference Computer Science and Education in Computer Science 2011 in Sofia and Dobrinitsa, Bulgaria
- Student paper contest award of 100 US dollars is identified and all students, members and non members, who live in Bulgaria may apply
- Technical co sponsorship of the conference Electronics in Sozopol, 2011. It is done with active support of AP03/ED15/MTT17/CPMT Joint Chapter and CAS04/SSC37 Chapter
- Technical co sponsorship of Telecom 2011 conference
- Technical co sponsorship of ELMA 2011 conference
- Technical co sponsorship of conference COMPSYSTECH
- Technical co sponsorship of conference Unitech
- Support of summer school in electronic circuit design

2. Future activities

- Most of the mentioned above events continue in 2012 like conferences IS 2012, ELMA, COMPSYSTECH, Unitech, Electronics, ICEST, Telecom, InfoTech
- The support of the student paper award and student branch activities is also non interruptive task of the section

3. Best practices

- Section is in good cooperation with neighboring sections
- Section Bulgaria supports its members during the membership applications and especially those without credit cards
- The contacts with members are based on person to person communications

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Difficult recruitment of new volunteers among both regular members and student members
- Student members are not interested in subscription
- Business people are not interested in high level scientific papers

5. Miscellaneous

- Bulgaria Section is having a very active collaboration with the National Unions of Engineers
- Participation in distinguished lecturer program – three lecturers have visited Bulgaria during 2011
- The formation of power engineering chapter is under way
- Cooperation with chapters is generally good. Part of the chapters are not very active in conference participation
- The partnerships with other associations and geographic units is based on person to person communication and common interests
- People from industry do not see sense in cooperation with IEEE. The Industry Relations Officer has difficulties
- The promotion of the IEEE to local community is done usually on seminars, workshops and conferences. The same is valid for new technologies