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1. Highlights from the past
   - Sixth Annual IEEE Croatia Section Award Banquets with guests from nearby sections
   - Eight technically cosponsored conferences and workshops in 2011
     [Link: http://www.ieee.hr/ieeesection/konferencije/2011]
   - Continuously increasing IEEE Croatia Section membership

2. Future activities
   - Continue with the program of Section-level meetings/lecture series
   - Technically cosponsoring 8 conferences and workshops in 2012
   - Organization of the IEEE R8 conference EUROCON 2013 in Zagreb
   - Improve industry relations and attract more members from the industry
   - Issue an Open Call for Nominees for 2012 IEEE Croatia Section Annual Awards
   - Elections
   - Organize the Seventh IEEE Croatia Section Annual Award Banquet

3. Best practices
   - Section-level professional meetings/lecture series for all members and guests
   - Forming four student branches and organizations of STEP workshops
   - Traditional Annual IEEE Croatia Section Award Banquets
   - Very good activities in all chapters and affinity groups
   - IEEE Croatia Section covering travel, accommodation and registration fees to enable student members to participate at IEEE meetings, workshops and other IEEE activities

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
   - Benefits of IEEE membership for members from industry

5. Miscellaneous
   - IEEE PES High Performing Chapter Award (2010), for Croatia Section PES Chapter
   - Two Distinguished Lecturers visited our Section in 2011 (Vijay K. Bhargava, Mark O’Malley)
   - Split of three joint chapters in 2011
   - One new joint chapter (AES/GRS) has been formed
   - Now we have 22 active chapters and 3 active affinity groups in our Section

Vitality-related success factors:
   - Addressing members by e-mail
   - All 22 chapters and 3 affinity groups were active in 2011
   - Monthly ExCom meetings
   - Regular updates on activity and financial status at every ExCom Meeting
   - Good relation and cooperation of the Section, chapters, affinity groups and students
   - Section website
   - Motivated officers doing their job with enthusiasm