

IEEE Spain Section Report March 2012

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1. Highlights from the past

- IEEE-Day 2011 with the visit of Pedro Ray (IEEE Past President at the time) visiting Madrid, Zaragoza and Barcelona.
- Section Elections carried out in January 2012 with many new volunteers participating in the new team.
- First ExCom meetings carried out in late Feb. and early March.
- New web site launched.

2. Future activities

- STUDENT BRANCH CONGRESS – 2012 to be celebrated in Madrid, Spain in July 2012
- Celebrate IEEE-Day and a big meeting with new AWARD during IEEE-Day 2012
- Organize a Workshop to support Conference Organizers in late May
- SBC organization meetings carried out every month
- CNR'12 (National Branch Congress) to be held in Barcelona 22-25 March, 2012.
- Senior Member Elevation Committee meeting to be held in Madrid in Sept. 2012

3. Best practices

- MD activities are carried out every month. We receive a lot of feedback from arrears members and try to solve issues one by one, referring them to the right IEEE sources. We are the Section with the highest increase in % in members in Europe and 3rd in retention in Region 8.
- Several meetings with potential organizations to cooperate have been carried out. Currently we are working with several institutions in Spain to close MoUs for several topics: TISP, e-Government, SmartCities. Business Schools, ...
- Support to conferences and congresses, especially if this are tied together with Chapter Activity

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Major action line of this new Section ExCom is to reverse the negative budget trend and try to retrieve money from conferences in a constructive way for both parties.
- Edit timely newsletters and update web content in a way is good for members
- Try to attract major conferences to Spain with MoU with financial support from the Section

5. Miscellaneous

- Section visited by Karine Iffour, new IEEE Brussels Director in late February 2012
- Two branches under formation and recently formed chapter of Intelligent Transportation Systems