
IEEE Republic of Macedonia Section Report October 2012

1. Highlights from the past

- During the period February 2012 – September, 2012, our Section organized: 6 technical and 6 administrative meetings (not all of them are reported on vTools yet).
- GOLD, Technical activities, WIE, Professional activities and Industry relation officers have been appointed.
- The Section has supported the student activity: EBEC – European BEST Engineering Competition (April 25-27.2012) organized together with BEST (Board of European Students of Technology).
- One SB delegate has participated at the IEEE Region 8 SB & GOLD Congress (25 – 29 July), Madrid, Spain
- The section representative has attended the meeting organized by the Energy Agency of the Republic of Macedonia. Three IEEE members has been approved as experts within this agency.
- Finally the election in the communication chapter has been successfully performed using vTools.
- The senior member initiative is going on. Up to now 4 new senior members have been approved and 6 other nominations are being processing.

2. Future activities

- The Section is sponsoring and co-organizing the II Summer Symposium of Electronics and Signal Processing to be held in Mavrovo (Republic of Macedonia) 14-16 September 2012
- We are still working on developing web pages for the chapters that don't have one. The activities have been started.
- The section will continue to support the organization of ROBOMAC. ROBOMAC 2013 should take place at the beginning of 2013
- 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.
- Promotion of IEEE in the industry sector in Republic of Macedonia

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.
- Good cooperation with Macedonian Society for Electronics, Telecommunications, Automatics and Informatics.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Retention of student members after graduation.
- Enhance professional networking opportunities.
- Low membership from industry.
- Recruiting volunteers becomes a problem

5. Miscellaneous

- The possibility of establishing new Society or Council chapters are under consideration. Although there are some technical possibilities the problem of volunteers who will start and conduct the procedures stands.