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1. Highlights from the past

The section and its chapters have already co-sponsored conferences in 2012:

- 18th Development Trends Conference on Education - TREND 2012, Feb. 27 to March 1, 2012, Kopaonik, Serbia, www.trend.uns.ac.rs
- 12th E-commerce Conference – April 25 - 27, 2012, Palić, Serbia, www.etrgovina.org
- ICT Conference and Exhibition INFOTECH 2012, May 28 - 31, 2012, Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia, www.infotech.org.rs
- 56th ETRAN Conference, 2012, June 11 - 14, 2012, Zlatibor, etran.etf.rs
- International Scientific Conference on Information, Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies - ICEST 2012, June 28 - 30 2012, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, icestconf.org (In colaboration with IEEE Bulgaria Section and IEEE Republic of Macedonia Section)
- 28th International Conference on Microelectronics - MIEL 2012, May 13 -16, 2012, Niš, Serbia, http://miel.elfak.ni.ac.rs
- 2012 Mediterranean Conference on Embedded Computing, June 19 - 21, 2012, Bar, Montenegro, www.meco2012.com

2. Future activities

- 11th Symposium on Neural Network Applications in Electrical Engineering – NEUREL 2012, September 20 – 22, 2012, Belgrade, Serbia, http://neurel.etf.bg.ac.rs
- 9th Conference on Digital Speech and Image Processing – DOGS 2012, October 4 - 7, 2012, Kovacica, Serbia, http://www.ftn.uns.ac.rs/dogs
- 20th Telecommunication Forum - TELFOR 2012, November 20 - 22, 2012, Belgrade, Serbia, www.telfor.rs
- IEEESTEC 2011, 5th International Students' Project Conference, November 2012, Niš, Serbia, http://www.eestec.rs/ieeestec
- Student paper competitions for best papers in Student Branches (participants of the Student Paper Contest 2012), November 2012.

3. Best practices

- The section has established close relation with most of the national organizations (ETRAN, CIGRE and CIRED, YURIT), and student associations (EESTEC)
- Good connections to local industry

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- In the last year section has established three new chapters. In next period IEEE S&M Executive Committee will analyze possibility of creating new chapters with respect to numerous members in some of IEEE societies. The idea is to increase interest for a particular scientific area and organize activities for members. We should discuss what is the best solution for our section… whether to make a chapter with a few members or to form a joint chapter that will have numerous members and the opportunity to be very active.

5. Miscellaneous

- **Founded new chapter in 2012:**
  o Broadcast Chapter.

- Distinguished Lecturers program is part of the programs at our conferences as well as lecturers at Universities in presence of IEEE members, students and guests from industry in organisation of Chapters or Section.