

**IEEE Cyprus Section Report October 2013****Panayiotis C Symeoy****Highlights from the past**

- IEEE Cyprus Section as a Technical co-sponsor at a number of conferences and seminars of the National University of Cyprus and the Private Universities of the country.
- IEEE Cyprus Section as sponsor of a number of Cyprus Universities Student branches activities and seminars. (3 student branches)
- IEEE Cyprus Section as organizer of a number of lectures regarding technical aspects and general concern aspects.
- IEEE Cyprus Section awards to the best students of the Cyprus Universities that have IEEE student branches
- Creation of the University of Nicosia Student Branch
- Creation of the European University Student Branch
- Creation of the GOLD Affinity Group
- Creation of the Entrepreneurs Network Group
- Creation of the University of Cyprus Power and Energy Student Chapter
- Construction of the IEEE Cyprus Section Website ([www.ieee.org.cy](http://www.ieee.org.cy))
- Registration procedure for the Cyprus Section to become a local Organization

**Future activities**

- Creation of new Chapters
- Enhance the Student branches and their activities
- Collaboration with the National Technical Chamber of Cyprus and agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding
- Collaboration with the IET
- Transform Entrepreneurs Network Group into Affinity Group
- Organize an International Student Conference in Cyprus in November 2013

**Best practices**

- Joint events with the IET and National Technical Chamber of Cyprus
- Offer grand to allow Section student members to participate at Conferences and Workshops
- Invite Students Branches and Chapters representatives to all the Cyprus Section committee meetings
- Agree on a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Technical Chamber of Cyprus
- More electronic and printing advertisements of our events in local press
- Recruit new members from the Industry

**Points of concern / Topics for future discussion**

- Increase the technical workshops and technical visits involving the local industry and semi-government departments
- Involvement to the new huge industry in our country concerning the Natural Gas findings with the creation of relevant seminars and workshops
- Give incentives to student members to continue to be IEEE members after their graduation
- Create closer relationship with the industry and involve the students on this effort for their mutual benefit

**Miscellaneous**

- Creation of another 2 new Student branches to the remaining Technical Universities of Cyprus
- Make an effort to organize the MELECON conference in 2016
- Host the R8 Executive Committee Meeting of Spring 2015