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Highlights from the past
- QoMEX2013 (Workshop on Quality of Multimedia Experience), July 3-7, 2013, Klagenfurt, Austria
- 8th European Conference on Network and Optical Communications & 8th Conference on Optical Cabling and Infrastructure (NOC-OC&I), July 10-12, 2013, Graz, Austria
- Excursion to the "Ars Electronica Center" in Linz of four student branches (Passau, Klagenfurt, Graz and Ljubljana) on June 20, 2013
- Talk on "Power Efficient Wireless Sensor Networks" at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, Apr. 26, 2013

Future activities
- New partnership program between IEEE Student Branch of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (IEEE Region 1) and IEEE Student Branch at Johannes Kepler University Linz (IEEE Region 8) is going to be established
- Co-sponsoring and co-organization (as members of the PC) of the Austrochip 2013, the 21st Austrian Workshop on Microelectronics, Oct. 10, 2013, Linz, Austria
- Co-sponsoring and co-organization (as members of the PC) of the IEEE "International Workshop on Intelligent Energy Systems" (IWIES), Nov. 14, 2013, Vienna, Austria
- Formation of a GOLD Affinity Group in Austria
- Motivation of IEEE Members in Austria to become IEEE Senior Members

Best practices
- Good connections to local industry
- Good cooperation between academic institutions (Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences, Austrian Institute of Technology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, …) in the IEEE Austrian Section
- IEEE Austria Section offers a special travel and conference grant to support student members of the IEEE Austria Section in participating at conferences, workshops and other educational activities

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
- The activity of Student Branches often depends on a few number of highly motivated students. If these students finish their studies, often the activity of the Student Branch decreases too. The question is how we can increase continuity in such cases?

Miscellaneous
- Installation/migration of/to a new content management system for the IEEE Austria Section webpage
- Re-activation of "dead" Chapters and Student Branches
- New "Most Active Student Branch Award" for the most active Student Branch in our Section