

**IEEE Slovenia Section Report October 2013****Matej Zajc****Highlights from the past**

- 22nd International conference ERK 2013 held between 16. and 18. September gathered 150 engineers from the region.
- Technical program coorganized with Chapter chairs.
- Slovenia section had several activities: student paper competition for Region 8 contest, promotion of IEEE with promotional materials as well as activities organized by Chapter chairs, AG WIE, GOLD, LM and Student Branches.
- Emphasis on interdisciplinary networking to enhance IEEE activities with other fields of science and technology.
- Organization of IEEE activities within IEEE CPE conference held in July in Ljubljana where SB promoted IEEE and Section activities.
- Active IEEE promotion at University of Ljubljana and University of Maribor. Events organized by SBs.
- Two DLP talk hosted at both largest universities.

**Future activities**

- IEEE week at University of Ljubljana in December becoming annual event.
- Event presents opportunity for membership development activities

**Best practices**

- GOLD AG creation after IEEE R8 spring meeting with committee organization and planning first events.
- Use of IEEE merchandize to promote IEEE among students of EE and CS: t-shirts etc.
- Efforts in promotion of student paper competition resulted in 12 submitted papers doubles contributions from previous years. It is planned to keep this trend also in the future.
- Collaboration between SB and GOLD with teambuilding events. We expect better retention of past SB members to continue as GOLD.

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

- Need for complete understanding of section's registration process and long-term impact on local volunteering.
- Need for simplified financial reporting for small sections.

**Miscellaneous**

- Two DLP events held in section this year: PELS in Maribor and SP&CAS in Ljubljana
- It is expected to form at least one new chapter in the next year.
- After successful formation of AGs: LM, WIE and GOLD, attention to formation of new chapters is planned for next year.