

Austria Section**Peter Roessler****Highlights from the past**

- Migration to a new content management system for the IEEE Austria Section webpage finished, the Section website is now located at <http://www.ieee-austria.org/>
- 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) has been established
- Co-sponsoring and co-organization (as members of the PC) of the IECON, the flagship conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society, Nov. 10-13, 2013, about 2000 participants
- 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

Future activities

- Some volunteers could be found which are interested to launch a Young Professionals Affinity Group in the IEEE Austria Section (kick-off meeting will be in 1 week)
- Co-sponsoring and co-organization (as members of the PC) of the 27th Conference on Software Engineering Education and Training (CSEE&T 2014), April 23-25, 2014, Klagenfurt, Austria
- Co-sponsoring and co-organization (as members of the PC) of the Austrochip 2014, the 22st Austrian Workshop on Microelectronics, Oct. 9, 2014, Linz, Austria
- Co-sponsoring and co-organization (as members of the PC) of the ICCVE2014, International Conference on Connected Vehicles & Expo, November 3-7, 2014, over 2000 participants expected

Best practices

- Good connections to local industry
- Good connections to related organizations like the Austrian Electrotechnical Association
- Good cooperation of 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

- Re-activation of "dead" Chapters and Student Branches
- New "Most Active Student Branch Award" for the most active Student Branch in our Section
- Motivate IEEE Members in Austria to become IEEE Senior Members