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Highlights from the past

- Five student Paper Competitions, three in Slovakia, two in Czech Republic: SVOC 2013, FEI STU v Bratislava, SVOC 2013, FI Pan European University Bratislava; IIT.SRC 2013, FIIT STU Bratislava, EEICT 2013, VUT, Brno
- Technical sponsorship of following Conferences: Radioelektronika 2013, 23rd International Conference, Pardubice, Czech Republic; ELEKTRO 10th International Conference, 2013, Rajecke Teplice Zilina, Slovakia; PDeS 2013 12th IFAC/IEEE International Conference on Programmable Devices and Embedded Systems, Zebetinsky dvur, Brno, Czech Republic; ICCC 2013, 14-th International Carpathian Control Conference, 2013 Podbanske, High Tatras Slovakia; DEIS 2013, The Third International Conference on Digital Enterprise and Information Systems, 2013, VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, Ostrava, Czech Republic; CSSim 2013, International Conference on Computer Modelling and Simulation, Brno University of Technology, September 2013, Brno, Czech Republic; ACIVS 2013 Advanced Concepts in Intelligent Vision Systems, September 2013, Brno, Czech Republic; ISEM 2013, 21-st International Symposium on Electric Machinery, 2013, Prague, Czech Republic; AE 2013, International Conference on Applied Electronics University of West Bohemia, 2013 Pilsen, Czech Republic; RiE 2013,The International Robotics in Education Conference, 2013, Prague, Czech Republic; WMNC 2013, 6th joined IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference, Networking Conference 2013, Bratislava, Slovakia; Mechatronika 2013, 16th International Conference on Mechatronics 2013, CVUT, Praha.

Future activities

- Following student paper competitions will be supported by section: EEICT Brno, SVOC FEI STU, IITSRC FIIT STU, SVOC PEVS
- MATLAB course for IEEE members
- Following conferences will be technically sponsored by Section: TSP 2014, ASRU 2014, CDEE 2014, PC 2014 RAAD 2014, EPE2014, NGMAST 2014, PDeS 2014

Best practices

- More strict rules for technical sponsorship of conferences were approved recently. Only chairs of active chapter are allowed from 1.1.2014 to nominate conferences for technical sponsorship and the number will be restricted by the number of IEEE Societies they serve. Active chapter means such that obtained rebate in previous Year.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Legal Status Project. Representative fragments from ExCom response: „...our section is firmly established under "Non-Profit Vehicle in compliance with the law of the Czech Republic. This status may be not perfect but it is working." ..." In case the top IEEE management insists on such processes, we may end up in a situation NO ONE wants to be elected to ExCom ."
- Two chapters with very low level of activities. ExCom is trying to find volunteers to take responsibility and to revive them.
- Concerns about quality of the many conferences with technical sponsorship from section. ExCom is changing the rules for granting technical sponsorship in hope to alleviate this problem. (Please see 3. Best practice.)

Miscellaneous

- Distinguished Lecturers programs