

Slovenia Section**Urban Burnik****Highlights from the past**

- The 22nd International Conference ERK 2013 has successfully been organised on September 16th-18th, 2013 with more than 150 active participants from the region. The event represents excellent opportunity for Slovenia Section Chapters to participate in the technical programme. The conference hosts student paper competitions for the Region 8 contest. Traditionally this is an important regional event in the field of electrical and computer science and engineering and an excellent chance to promote IEEE presence in Slovenia. The conference establishes strong links with industry by means of invited lectures initiated by Industrial Relations Affinity Group.
- Signal Processing Chapter technically supports a series of annual International Seminars "Multimedia technologies: New approaches in acoustics and sound"; in 2013, 6th Seminar has already been organised with international participation.
- Active participation of COMSOC Chapter in organisation of Telecommunication seminars VITEL, which are held twice per year.
- A series of notable events has been organised by SB Ljubljana and Maribor, establishing firm position of IEEE among students. The events hosted attractive guests from Slovenia and from abroad, who shared their experience with the young generation.
- The Sections' organisational units are successfully exploiting the possibilities of DLP Programmes.

Future activities

- IEEE Slovenia Section will continue to participate in organisation of the 23rd International Conference ERK2014 in September.
- The COMSOC Chapter will remain involved in organisation of VITEL Seminars.
- The use of the distinguished lecturers programme by our Chapters will be encouraged.
- We are planning to establish 1-2 new Chapters.

Best practices

- Active GOLD/Young Professionals Affinity Group improves retention ratio after student members' graduation.
- Good cooperation with Electrotechnical Association of Slovenia and Slovenian Association for Electronic Communications on organisation of seminars.
- Affinity group Women in Engineering partners with national affinity groups in promotion of engineering career in primary and secondary schools.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- The Section is proud on increased activity and revival of Student Branch activities in Ljubljana and in Maribor. Our concern now is to improve retention ratio of membership migrating from student to professional member status.

Miscellaneous

- IEEE Student Branch Ljubljana has received Bronze Darrel Chong Student Activity Award for the event IBM Einstein.
- Signal Processing chapter has been awarded successful Certification for the period 2014-2017.
- Communication Chapter has been awarded for 10 years of successful activities.
- Joint SP/CAS Chapter has organised a distinguished lecture by Pierre Moulin, Information Embedding: From Theory to Practice.
- Power Engineering Chapter has organised a distinguished lecture by Daniel Kirschen, Smart Grid.
- In 2013, IEEE Slovenia Section GOLD Affinity Group has been formed.