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# How it was created

- On January 2013 the first IEEE Entrepreneurs Network (EN) within R8 was established in Cyprus under the IEEE Cyprus Section.
- Initiation of the idea
  - 1. Current economic crisis barrier towards economic growth and employability VS entrepreneurship driven by innovation and networks of talented people
  - 2. Confidence that professionals who by education or experience give evidence of competence in an IEEE designated field (Engineering, Computer Sciences and Information Technology, Physical Sciences, Biological and Medical Sciences, Mathematics, Technical Communications, Education, Management, Law and Policy) should take a leading role in this effort.

IEEE Cyprus EN's main objectives (I) **1. Networking** between IEEE members and other professionals in Cyprus who are interested in entrepreneurship from which possible cooperation and start-ups may come up. Regular meetings take place in the presence of the Entrepreneurs Network Executive **Committee and any other IEEE members or non**members concerned in the Network's goals and interests.

 Triggering of entrepreneurship in IEEE designated fields in Cyprus especially within the current financial crisis which increases unemployment.
 Professionals who by education or experience give evidence of competence in an IEEE designated field are encouraged to participate in the Entrepreneurs Network and join IEEE.

# IEEE Cyprus EN's main objectives (II)

- 3. Arrangement of talks by entrepreneurship related experts, such as accountants, lawyers, angels, local SBA representatives, bankers, experts in Business Finance, marketing professionals, insurance experts, and industry leaders.
- 4. Organization of workshops or days of training in such topics as financing alternatives, protecting intellectual property, selling our business plan, project management and personal leadership style for success.
- 5. Support of entrepreneurs / future entrepreneurs and help them both to meliorate their business plans and get in touch with angels and investors.

# IEEE Cyprus EN's main objectives (III)

## 6. Hold face to face **TechMatch event**.

**TechMatch** is a tool that helps member entrepreneurs conduct self-evaluations on their business plans, submit their business plans for review by other experienced entrepreneur members and to visibility by potential investors.

As the IEEE Cyprus Entrepreneurs Network we are going to support entrepreneurs who have participated in the TechMatch event by:

- assigning mentors, connecting the entrepreneur with local resources for further help
- > selecting the **best plans** in a competition
- > giving awards or advertising the plans

# IEEE Cyprus EN's main objectives (III)

- 7. After the actual TechMatch event is over we will provide ongoing support to entrepreneurs who have expressed interest.
  - Assigned mentors for those entrepreneurs that express interest.
  - Continuity of support as expressed by the entrepreneur
  - Direct communication with each entrepreneur according to their needs and expectations for their further development.

## **IEEE Cyprus EN's Official Website**

## **IEEE Cyprus Section**



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## **IEEE Cyprus EN's Facebook Page**



# **IEEE Cyprus EN's Linkedin Group**



# **IEEE Cyprus EN's YouTube Channel**



# IEEE Cyprus EN's Twitter account



## **IEEE Cyprus EN's First Networking Meeting**



#### **EN's First Meeting & Elections**

Tuesday, January 22 4pm New Campus University of Cyprus

- Greetings by the IEEE Cyprus Section Chair, Mr. Panayiotis Symeou
- Greetings by the IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect 2013-2014, Mr. Costas Stasopoulos.
- Presentation of EN's goals and objectives
- Discussion
- Elections for the first year Executive Committee.

# IEEE Cyprus EN's

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# First Networking Meeting

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## IEEE Cyprus EN's February 2013 Networking Meeting





EN's February Meeting Talk: "How to capitalize from entrepreneurship: Towards achieving general strategic objectives and building cooperative & big markets"

Tuesday, February 26

6pm

## IEEE Cyprus EN's March 2013 Networking Meeting



### EN's March Networking Meeting Main Subject: "Local resources that support StartUpers"

Tuesday, March 26

6pm

## **IEEE Cyprus EN's October 2013 Networking Meeting**

### LEADERSHIP: USUAL MISTAKES ENTREPRENEURS

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#### SPEAKER:

#### **CELIA HADJICHRISTODOULOU**

Founder and General Manager of GrantXpert consulting. She is an expert consultant in European and nationally funded programmes.



WHEN: 23 - Oct - 2013

WHERE:

New Campus University of Cyprus <u>BUILDING</u>: XOD02 (XΩΔ02) <u>CLASSROOM</u>: B109 <u>TIME</u>: 7:00 – 8:00 pm <u>COST</u>: FREE

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## IEEE Cyprus EN's October 2013 Networking Meeting

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### **IEEE Cyprus EN's November 2013 Networking Meeting**



EN intends to bring together IEEE members and other professionals (nonmembers working in an IEEE designated field - Engineering, Computer Sciences and Information Technology, Physical Sciences, Biological and Medical Sciences, Mathematics, Technical Education. Communications. Management, Law and Policy) in Cyprus who are interested in entrepreneurship from which possible cooperation and start-ups may come up. EN's goal is triggering of entrepreneurship in IEEE designated fields in Cyprus. Professionals who by education or experience give evidence of competence in the above fields are encouraged to participate in the Entrepreneurs Network and join IEEE.

#### Starting up!!!

#### Topics:

- 1) From Idea to Business
- 2) How to Glue a Business Team
- 3) How to deal with failure and how to build on that
- 4) Current and Future Trends and Opportunities

You are invited to EN's November Networking Meeting in which our speaker Argyris Argyrou will talk about "Starting Up!"

It will be a **1 hour interactive talk** that will include short practical examples that the audience can work on their own or in groups in order to better conceive the content of the speech and to increase networking between the participants / EN members.

#### WHEN: 28 - Nov - 2013

WHERE:

University of Cyprus, New Campus <u>BUILDING</u>: XOD02 (XΩΔ02) <u>ROOM</u>: B204 <u>TIME</u>: 6:30 – 8:00 pm COST: FREE

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#### SPEAKER:

Argyris Argyrou Founder of Ideas2Life



## IEEE Cyprus EN's November 2013 Networking Meeting





### IEEE Cyprus EN's November 2013 Networking Meeting

## What is it?

### Volunteer effort

- Bring together IEEE members and other professionals in Cyprus who are interested in entrepreneurship
  Learn more about
- entrepreneurship & get networked Possible cooperation and start-ups may come up.



### IEEE Cyprus EN's December 2013 Networking Meeting

### **IEEE Cyprus Entrepreneurs Network (EN)**

Starting up in an online world!!!

- 1. How does Internet affects business strategy
- 2. Setting up your online business presence
- 3. Promoting online with success
- 4. Converting prospects to customers
- 5. Measuring performance and correcting

Σας προσκαλούμε στη Συνάντηση Δικτύωσης Δεκεμβρίου του ΕΝ (Δίκτυο Επιχειρηματιών της IEEE στην Κύπρο) στην οποία ομιλητής μας Παναγιώτης Κυριάκου, Business & Technology Consultant, θα μας μιλήσει με θέμα "Starting Up in an online world!"

Στη συνέχεια θα έχουμε μία σύντομη παρουσίαση της επιχειρηματικής ιδέας Hope4Cyprus από τον εμπνευστή της Chrys Zampas και της ιδέας Boost Best Idea. Θα ακολουθήσει βράβευση του νικητή του 1ου διαγωνισμού της Boost Best Idea.

Τέλος, για όσους έχουν διάθεση για περισσότερη δικτύωση θα μετακινηθούμε στον πρώτο όροφο του The Mall of Cyprus για ποτό / φαγητό!

ΠΟΤΕ: 16 Δεκεμβρίου 2013, 6:30 – 8:00μμ ΠΟΥ: Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου - Κεντρικά Κτίρια, Λεωφόρος Καλλιπόλεως 75 Λευκωσία ΚΤΙΡΙΟ: Νέα Πτέρυγα ΑΙΘΟΥΣΑ: ΕΒ107 (στο 1° υπόγειο) ΔΩΡΕΑΝ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ Κρατήσεις: cyprusen@ieee.org Tel: 96-343176



Το ΕΝ έχει ως σκοπό να φέρει κοντά τα μέλη της ΙΕΕΕ και άλλους επαγγελματίες (μη μέλη που εργάζονται σε κάποιο από τα πεδία που προωθεί η ΙΕΕΕ - Μηγανική. Πληροφορική Τεχνολογία Πληροφορίας, **P**DOIKES Επιστήμες, Βιολογικές και Ιατρικές Επιστήμες, Μαθηματικά. Τεχνικές Επικοινωνίες. Διοίκηση. Εκπαίδευση Aikato NOU Πολιτική) στην Κύπρο onoior ενδιαφέρονται για την επιχειρηματικότητα. Προσπάθεια μας είναι να προκύψουν πιθανές συνεργασίες και νέες επιχειρήσεις στους ανωτέρω τομείς στην Κύπρο. Επαγγελματίες που είτε λόγω εκπαίδευσης ή επαγγελματικής πείρα<u>ς</u> εμπλέκ<u>ονται</u> αναφέραμε TOURIS *που* STOUC ενθαρρύνονται να συμμετάσχουν στις δραστηριότητες του ΕΝ και να γίνουν μέλη

της ΙΕΕΕ.

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### CREATE YOUR OWN WEBPAGE USING WORDPRESS WORKSHOP

#### Instructor:

**Chrys Zampas** 

He is a graduate of Computer Science holding a master degree in the same field. He has several years of experience as a programmer, IT and SEO consultant. Today he is working as a trainer at TSYS company.



<u>WHEN</u>: February 19, 2014 <u>WHERE</u>: Cyprus International Institute of Management, Akademias 21, 2107, Aglantzia, Lefkosia <u>ROOM</u>: Computer Lab <u>Time</u>: 5:00 – 9:00 pm

WORKSHOP UNITS:

- 1. INTRODUCTION THEORY
- 2. WEBPAGE INSTALLATION
- **3. BASIC OPERATIONS**
- 4. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS











# Coming: On April 9, 2014

You are invited to the new Networking Meeting of IEEE Cyprus Entrepreneurs Network (EN) that is going to be held on April 7, 2014, at 6:30 pm, room 006 of Building XOD01 at the New Campus of the University of Cyprus, Aglantzia.

#### Event's Program:

18:30-19:00: Networking game 19:00-19:45: Speech by Mr. Dinos Ioannides, DHL Cyprus Branch Manager, under the subject: "The business person's survival guide".

The topics that are going to be covered are:

- Business viability in the current environment
- Process and efficiency in view of profitability
- Logistics for SMEs

19:45-20:00: 15-minutes Coffee break

20:00-20:30: Constantinos Soteriou is going to speak about the journey from the idea to implementation of his start-up idea "Futsapp".

#### For reservations click HERE.

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## Supporting comments from EN's events' participants



#### EN's Chair and Volunteers for 2014 - More are welcome!

#### Anastasia Georgouli

Electrical Consultant Engineer Self-employed at JYA Engineering, Freelancer Electrical Engineer, IEEE Cyprus EN Chair

Dear friends,

According to the declarations of interest for the IEEE Cyprus Entrepreneurs Network (EN)'s Executive Committee we have the following results:

EN's Chair for 2014: Anastasia Georgouli, Electrical Engineer Consultant JYA ...

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Efrem Panagiotou, Marios Halloumas like this



Efrem Panagiotou Well Done Anastasia ... If anyone should be looking for entrepreneurship in Cyprus, stop here 1 month ago



Anastasia Georgouli Thank you Efrem for your continuous support! 1 month ago

Add a Comment...

A big thanks to IEEE Cyprus EN's Volunteers!

# IEEE Cyprus EN's Supporters / Collaborations

- ECE Department of the University of Cyprus
- Careers Office of the University of Cyprus
- Cyprus Independent Business Network (CIBN)
- Local Entrepreneurship Evangelists & Start-up Coaches
- Local Entrepreneurs

Interest from other countries to establish Entrepreneurs' Network

- Spain
- Greece
- Portugal
- Latvia
- Italy
- FYROM
- Egypt
- Tunisia
- And others

# **Pros for IEEE**

- Increase participation and satisfaction among the young professionals
- Attract new members from various related disciplines
- Create opportunities for members to find or create jobs
- Be one of the first organizations that will focus on entrepreneurship
- Take advantage of this new trend
- Take hold or manage funds from Governments and other bodies

# Cons for IEEE (that we see positively!)

- Entrepreneurship could only be a hype or fashion that will soon fade away → There is nothing to be lost when people discuss about new ideas and ways to become innovative, even though many of them might never attempt to become entrepreneurs!
- Potential Members mainly from Young Professional group (GOLD) → We are trying to attract professionals from all the ranges of ages, so that the interaction and exchange of ideas and experience will make our effort more fruitful
- Only a small percentage of potential entrepreneurs ever makes it to the real world and becomes successful → We are here to trigger entrepreneurship, help professionals develop the entrepreneurial way of thinking , help them get networked and find team members

# IEEE Entrepreneurs' Networks (ENs)

- Could this be a new IEEE affinity group?
- We want to get some feedback on this from you!
- Questions? Ideas? Suggestions?



# Thank you for your attention!