

Estonia Section

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Highlights from the past

- Involved partner in event taking place in Estonia or technical sponsor: EWME 2014, 2014 European School of Information Theory, 6th IEEE/OES Baltic Symposium, 25th EAEEIE 2014 and CyCON 2014.
- Establishment of Student Branch, which was approved on 15th of May 2014. Supporting students in petition, election, communication etc required coordinated effort of many IEEE senior members and was finally successful. There was meeting of SB and Section officers to smoothen initializing and launch of SB own activities.

Future activities

- Traditional August seminar and assembly is announced and will take place on 19-th and 20th of August. Guest presenters from academia and Tallinn Polytechnic School, supported by Estonian Electronics Industry Association.
- Section will support student access to IEEEExtreme 8.0.
- EduCON 2015 will take place in Tallinn and section will be involved in supporting of event.

Best practices

- We consider valuable visits of distinguished lecturers, usage of social media (Web and FB) and communication channels at universities. Since this year section has been well visible on four conferences/workshops in Estonia (EWME 2014, 2014 European School of Information Theory, 6th IEEE/OES Baltic Symposium, CyCON 2014). We have designed attractive roll-up for such type of events, which has been well accepted by conference organizers.
- Supporting the students (covering the 1st year membership fee) being involved in IEEE activities (e.g. IEEEExtreme, Robotex) is sure attractor toward future membership.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Membership stability and growth, difficulties to establish Young Professionals (GOLD)
- Group. Still, once we have now Student Branch, it should be possible to move on incrementally.
- Volunteers contribution is very fluctuating, depends of personal workload and work related mobility.

Miscellaneous

- DL: IEEE Signal Processing Society professor John Mathews (Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Utah) in TUT on 2nd of May 2014.
- Next DL is planned in October.
- Student Branch at Tallinn University of Technology (TUT) was approved on 15th of May 2014.
- Seeking of cooperation forms bw neighbor sections (Baltics, Nordic countries)