

## **France Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

- We organized the first Metro Area Workshop in Paris in December. It was a successful workshop with almost 40 participants most of them from industry. Short workshops on emerging fields with lab activities are attractive for industry.
- We have a VP industry relations in our Section and he is in charge of forming a committee from industry to brainstorm about industry involvement in the Section activities.
- We support European projects where chapters/Societies are involved by providing our financial logistics.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

- We award travel grants to active students that are first author and willing to present their papers in an IEEE conference.
- We support also financially some eligible activities organized by our student branches.

### **Section Vitality**

- Conferences are the main driver of our Section Vitality. We developed a complete framework to help conference organizers.
- Recognition of our members is also a challenge. We have a specific process to help promote our members to the grade of Senior.
- We also have set up this year a Section Fellow Committee that can help members who are seeking for help in preparing their nomination to Fellow grade.

### **Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

- Conference of Young Researchers in Electrical and Electronic Engineering becoming quite popular
- Plans to unite efforts of all Russian Sections to develop a big nation-wide conference.