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## **Getting Closer to Industry**

- Working with industry through industrial associations, like Latvian Information Technology and Telecommunications
  Association (for 2015-2017 we have re-signed LIKTA-IEEE National Society Agreement (NSA)); The Association of
  Latvian Electrical Engineering and Electronics Enterprises, etc.
- Would be practical to collect advantages of IEEE Membership for SMEs

## **Students and Young Professionals**

- Different events for chosen groups of students (like Technical Co-Sponsorship of the Sociotechnical Systems Modelling summer school, organized by Rezeknes University, Riga Technical University, University of Latvia and Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, 2014 August 11-13; Co-Organizing of the 2nd IEEE workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, organized by Lithuania and Latvia Sections, November 2829, 2014; Section-level professional lecture for all IEEE members and guests)
- Support (incl. financial) of cross-sectional events for students undoubtedly will give positive results

## **Section Vitality**

- Fostering of different special events (like Technical Co-Sponsorship of the EBEC 2014 European BEST Engineering Competition 2014 Final, 2014 August 2-8; Technical Co-Sponsor of the 55th International Scientific Conference on Power and Electrical Engineering of Riga Technical University (RTUCON), 14-17 of October 2014) with special IEEE prizes for winners
- Cooperation with the local professional societies

## Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

 Points of concern: Difficult recruitment of new volunteers from academia (both regular and student members) with IEEEXplore freely available for Riga TU personal