

Greece Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- There is a dedicated officer to the Industry Relations, namely Emmanuel Georgantas.
- The Section organizes and supports events towards Industry collaboration with IEEE members. Typical events include (but are not limited to):
 - MSL (Meet a Successful Leader initiative)
 - CAD (Career Advisory Desk initiative)
 - Distinguished Lecturers from industry
- Other events include more complex activities:
 - Technical excursions (run by Chapters and Student Chapters)
 - Industrial Shows (like the Game expo in collaboration with Corallia Clusters Facilitator)
 - Support of several initiatives in Greece like Athens Job Fair, Digital Week etc.
- The Consumer Electronics Chapter was established for bringing closer industry to IEEE, and there is a continuous effort to engage industry oriented members to Section's activities and initiatives.
- It would be valuable for Greece Section, and its activities regarding Industry relations, to be allowed to claim reimbursement for Distinguished Lecturers from the rest of Region 8.
- Also, the support of annual technical shows in the wider region of South-East Europe would be a great opportunity to develop and deploy initiatives for IEEE Industry Relations.

Students and Young Professionals

- Student Branches are represented at the Greece Section by Alexander Osana, and a very active Young Professionals Affiliated Chapter.
- Each Student Branch runs its own schedule, which however includes activities in collaboration with other Section's SBs and Chapters.
- In order to support this collaborative spirit, there is an annual Congress of the Greek and Cypriot Student Branches and Young Professional that take place in a different city either in Greece or Cyprus. During the Congress, all units offer training sessions in order to make Student Branches officers more effective (like reporting sessions, organize an event, SB twinning etc). The Congress is supported by the Section.
- Furthermore, the Section encourages and supports financially representatives from SBs to participate in events for SBs in Region 8, like the SBC and Young Professionals events.
- There are also active officers like Stamatis Dragoumanos (educational activities chair) and Kostas Karpouzis (student activities chair) that organize and support programmes and initiatives like TISP, IEEE Academic and i-YSC (Young Scientist's Corner initiative), and conferences like SFHMMY etc that allow networking of the student members, collaboration and creativity work.
- It would be useful that the Region ease networking with Student members from other sections in a permanent basis.

Section Vitality

- Several Student Branches' events have become an annual institution, like those organized by the University of Patras, University of Thessaly, National Technical University of Athens and the Democritus University of Thrace, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the TEI of Ionian Islands. These events attract hundreds of students, ensuring thus a good number of new members each year.
- Furthermore, considering the annual Panhellenic Student Branch and Young Professionals Congress, where SB officers are trained for Unit's operations, there is a continuous effort to nurture young officers for the Section and the Region.
- In the last 3 years there is also a pre-university series of activities that takes place in the bound of TISP programme, investing in the development of engineers and potential IEEE members from the high school.
- A new programme towards Industry relations has initiated this year, towards engagement of Industry to Section's activities.
- Publicity of the Section's (and its units) activities is achieved through its website and a news mailing list.
- It would be useful for the Section, if the Region could offer a series of benefits for the members that would make IEEE membership more appealing.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

Greece Section's units are recipients of numerous awards and recognitions and its efficiency has been increased significantly the last 5 years.