

Lithuania Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Our activities:
 - Tradition to select from the industry the Section ExCom officer for Industrial Relations
 - Tradition of information exchange and involvement of industry partners in all organized by the Section regular joint international workshops with China, Taiwan, Morocco, Belarus, Russia, Poland and Latvia as also as all technical meetings
 - Series of lectures and working equipment demonstrations for university students delivered by representatives from industry
- Changes: IEEE Lithuania Section will seek to sign a legal agreements with major domestic business associations.

Students and Young Professionals

- Our activities:
 - Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers
 - Annual awards for the best MSc thesis and the winners of "Battle of Robots"
 - Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations
 - Series of seminars with hands-on experience for children and juniors
 - Organization of local and participation in IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest. Engagement of new and existing members by participation in IEEEExtreme competition
 - Hosting Distinguished Lectures
- Changes:
 - Section will be co-sponsor of the Summer School for students and other activities of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University Student Branch
 - Section will offer a special grant to support student members of the Section in participating at conferences, workshops and other educational and research activities.

Section Vitality

- Our activities:
 - Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major section events
 - Empowering and financial support of local Chapters in their major initiatives
 - Awarding or co-sponsoring visits to workshops/congresses to the best volunteers
 - Promotion of IEEE by organization of IEEE Day
 - Excellent relations and close collaboration with geographically near OU: Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Belarus Sections
- Changes:
 - A new Computer Society/Power and Energy Society Chapters formation and outreach to major domestic universities
 - Organization of the workshop to promote IEEE Members in Lithuania to become IEEE Senior Members
 - Expand the activities of the Education Chapter and though it promote IEEE membership
 - Encourage companies and universities to subsidize IEEE membership of their employees and students.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Outstanding new initiatives:
 - Joint IEEE Lithuania and Latvia Sections workshop Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering
 - 1st Public Conference of Electronics and Computer Sciences eStream 2014
- Special achievements:
 - IEEE Signal Processing Society Certification awarded to Lithuania Joint SP/CIS/COM Chapter (valid for four years from 1 January 2015 through 31 December 2018)
 - Section more than twice increased the number of senior members
- Anniversaries
 - 20-year anniversary of Lithuania Section MTT/ED/AP Chapter. The Chapter was founded February 25, 1995. IEEE MTT Society recognized this Chapter in 2012 as outstanding
 - Section will designate year 2015 as the 20th year anniversary of the 1-st IEEE OU in Lithuania establishment.