

Spain Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- About industry relations, we have promoted them through awards, special tracks at IEEE conferences, seminars and workshops among others. Every year we recognize those companies that supported IEEE activities with a significant support. More to the point, professionals from industry are represented at our Board of Governors (IEEE Spain Section).
- Other initiatives deal with promoting professional agreements and inviting speakers from industry that they participate at IEEE Conferences. we contacted with researchers (PhD) from industry to attract them as valuable reviewers for papers presented to IEEE conferences.
- Some speakers from the industry and institutions were: Andrs Saborido-CEO Wayra Espaa, Gustavo Vinacua-director BBVA Innovation Centers & Open innovation activities globally; Ana Barrera-Marketing Manager of SociosInversores; Marta Daz Barrera-Fundadora Talentoscopio; Jorge G'omez-Country Manager, Mind the Bridge Foundation and Startup Europe Partnership; JuanManuel Corchado- Director Parque Cientifico/Universidad Salamanca and IEEE SMC Spain President; Karel Escobar- Assistant Manager at Tetuan Valley; Ver'onica Respaldiza L'opez-IBM Ecosystem Development Manager, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Israel; Oscar Cantalejo- Iberdrola Ventures - PERSEO Investment Manager; Jos Carlos Temprado Morales-CEO of OverXeT and IEEE Spain member; Rodrigo Fdez. Garca-Co-founder and CEO of Diableco Solutions and IEEE Spain member.
- We have also developed a new program to promote tech-entrepreneurship and a new award devoted to it.

Students and Young Professionals

- As depicted before, we have promoted them through awards also. Every year we recognize the best student branch that performs an active work with a significant impact to the community.
- More to the point, selected students from different branches are represented at our Board of Governors (IEEE Spain Section).
- Other initiatives deal with supporting those activities organized by students and promoting networking among young professionals and well recognized companies at industry.
- As work in progress, we are promoting a set of successful activities in order to be replicated at other universities, i.e., near to the students from different parts of our country.
- We have also developed a new program to promote tech-entrepreneurship and continuing the support of promotion of science and engineering.

Section Vitality

- We can confirm a high value of our section vitality. Each year we celebrate IEEE Day at different venues. As an evidence of elevated success, last edition we attracted more than one hundred participants that come from different places at our country.
- About potential changes in progress, we are preparing continuously high quality videos with open access through internet, i.e., to spread all activities of our section.
- In addition, we promote uninterrupted and active use of social networks, e.g., Facebook, twitter, among others.
- The section has been supporting the organization of conferences and special flag conferences as EUROCON 2015-Salamanca Sept-2015. More details are available online at <http://eurocon2015.usal.es/>

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- We have evidence of special achievements and outstanding activities. That is, we have attracted events that are highly recognized at IEEE community. Next year our section will organize IEEE EUROCON 2015, one of the major IEEE international events.
- As new initiatives, we are evaluating preparation of activities to recognize anniversary of inventions made by IEEE members.
- Supporting the organization of Tech-Entrepreneurial events such as: STARTUP OL (<http://startupole.eu/>), also supported by Region 8 the European Commission-STARTUP EUROPE initiative and several H2020 EU Projects, such as WEL-COME, SEP, Startup Scaleup, DIGISTART, EPLUS and MY-WAY, WeHubs.