

# Bosnia Herzegovina Section

## Getting Closer to Industry

- Section and the ComSoc Chapter were technical co-sponsors of the X International Symposium on Telecommunications BIHTEL 2014, and members took active part in round tables and panel discussions with guest attendants from leading telecom providers. Invited keynote speakers at conferences from industry: ICT Innovations in the Networked Society, Ericsson Nikola Tesla and Developments in 5G Cellular Technology, Samsung Electronics Research Institute.
- Section and a newly established PELS/IAS Joint Chapter were technical co-sponsors of the Industrial electronics symposium INDEL 2014, and hosted the IAS guest lecturer.
- Organizing more PA events engaging YP members in these activities, especially employed in industry.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

- The SB University of Sarajevo organized several events: Workshop "RoboStart" for students from the University of Sarajevo; visit to the CERN LHC and Museums in Geneva, Switzerland.
- YPAG organized STEP event BeING with graduate students visiting several electrical engineering companies and spending a day at work with host-mentors.
- The Section and SB University of Sarajevo hosted the IAS Day event with the IAS President Blake Lloyd and the IAS CMD Chair Peter Magyar as guests.
- Continual engagement of students in diverse activities as courses of Technical English, workshops, and competitions (IEEEXtreme and similar) attracting the number of students to join IEEE.
- At the IAS Annual Meeting in Vancouver 2014 the SB University of Sarajevo IAS Chapter was presented several awards for their activities within the IAS.

#### Section Vitality

- Section Annual Meeting with award ceremony recognizing best volunteer and supporting organizations.
- Assisting motivated members to organize chapters and support their many activities to be performed in the framework of the Section.
- Cooperation with the national professional associations and motivating their members to join IEEE and broaden connections, example is BH Association for Medical and Biological Engineering thats started co-operation with the IEEE EMBS

#### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Increasing dollar value and financial crisis resulted in lower retention, and also many members reduced their subscriptions.
- Introduction of vtools for elections and organizing regular elections for Chapters to revive their activities, and get engaged more in the Society actions.