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The Past

- IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) Zambia and South Africa outreach
  - The IEEE-SA held outreach meetings with a number of organization in Zambia and South Africa during November 2014 in cooperation with local Sections. The focus was on promoting awareness of standards, enabling national adoption, and building institutional relationships.
  - Outreach occurred with National standards bodies (ZA/SA), Utilities (ZA/SA), Local Engineering societies (ZA/SA), Ministry of Education (ZA) and University/Student Events (ZA/SA).
  - A total of 15 meetings and workshops were held with local industry, academia, and government.
- IEEE-SA Board of Governors (BoG) meeting series in Brussels, Belgium
  - The IEEE-SA BoG meeting series was held in Brussels, Belgium, at the end of February 2015.
  - Sixteen meetings and workshops were held with local industry, academia, and government.
    - IEEE-SA roundtable:Interplay of Internet Governance and the Internet of Things: Balancing Growing Data Opportunities with Privacy and Security. Seventeen invited experts from EU institutions and organizations joined IEEE-SA BoG members for the discussion
    - Meeting with the League of Research Universities (LERU) to promote Standards Education
    - Demystifying Standards lecture atK.U. Leuven, in cooperation with the Student Branch
    - Face-to-face meeting of the IEEE-SA Europe Advisory Group and IEEE Policy WG on Standards
- European Multi-Stakeholder Platform for ICT Standardization (MSP)
  - The IEEE continues to participate in the European Commission Multi-Stakeholder Platform for ICT Standardization. Recent meetings of the MSP were in December 2014 and February 2015.
- IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee University Outreach program
  - The IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee plenary meeting took place in Berlin, Germany from Sunday 8th to Friday 13th March 2015.
    - As part of the plenary the University Outreach program is run to expose both students and faculty members, of universities local to IEEE 802 plenary meetings, to the IEEE 802 standards process.
    - Approximately ten students from the Technische Universität Braunschweig attended the University Outreach program in Berlin.

Future Activities

- IEEE-SA Standards Board meeting series
  - The IEEE-SA Standards Board meeting series will take place at the OVE Austrian Electrotechnical Association, in Vienna, Austria from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th March 2015.
  - As well as an opportunity for outreach the IEEE-SA Standards Board Forum will take place on the evening Wednesday 25th March on Technology Policy Impact and Import.
  - The Forum will discuss the connectedness of technology and policy in the context of important technological issues and challenges confronting society today, why it is important for technology and standards developers to be engaged, and how technology policy helps foster technological and innovative capabilities.
- IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) Zambia and South Africa outreach
  - Follow-up opportunities include continued engagement with these organizations for both IEEE-SA and local Sections.

Best practices

- Arrange both individual speakers on standards and/or whole standards tracks at major IEEE R8 conferences, potentially collaborating with IEEE Standards Education Committee (SEC).
- Encourage IEEE R8 students and faculty mentors to apply for IEEE Standards Education Grants to help with student design projects with an industry standards component.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Always looking for potential opportunities for potential individual speakers and/or whole standards tracks.
- Always looking for the opportunity to promote IEEE Standards Education Grants.