

Czechoslovakia Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

We are continuing with encouraging companies to be involved in our activities and workshops with some minor success. Region8 is not required to make any particular change, but sharing successful models from other sections would be appreciated. We have established contacts with several companies that understand the win-win situation. We are planning to publish successful event reports and distribute it within our Section.

Students and Young Professionals

- We are working with universities on making the IEEE brand visible using student contests. This year we have increased the number of universities and students involved. Finally the number of student members increased. We have also supported our major annual student conference, which is highly appreciated by students. Students and YP programmes in Region8 are very rich and we are approaching them, even very slowly.
- We are planning to establish new student branches and to foster their involvement in our activities. Our last year's "Professional experience" workshop for students and YPs is going to be held within our Section's Annual Meeting.

Section Vitality

- Since the IEEE member benefits program is not very attractive in our Section, the "fluctuation" is very balanced across the years. Our most successful program is the student competition award program, which provides IEEE student membership to awardees. As the program grows, the potential of new student branches increases. We have initiated new Senior Membership program, which brings some new SMs.
- We are planning to run a set of small workshops on soft skills, which incorporates non-financial membership benefits, such as professional networking, job search, mentor program, contests, etc. We are also planning to meet companies and discuss possible cooperation.