

## France Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- The Metro Area Workshop is one of our major industrial activities. We organized a MAW in 2014 and we will organize a second one in 2015.
- An industry Vice President of the Section is one of the R8 Industry Ambassadors.
- The Section was involved in a proposal submitted to the IEEE Smart Cities Initiatives by the city of Issy Les Moulineaux.

### Students and Young Professionals

- Two new Student Branches and one Student Branch Chapter were formed this year.
- Inter Student Branches activities are encouraged and funded by the Section.
- Students are provided a travel grant to present their paper in a conference if they are first authors.
- One of our Student Branches is representing France Section SBs in MESBC conference (Middle East SB Conference).

### Section Vitality

- The support to the Conference Organizers through our in house platform, This is one of the major activities of the Section
- Creation of two new Chapters that will increase the number of our technical activities, others have been revitalized after some period of inactivity, new officers have been elected.
- Our efforts toward industry through Metro Area Workshops we are organizing.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Creation of a new award (Edouard Branly Award) delivered by both the Section and F2S Association. The call has been launched.
- Creation of Section Awards to encourage active volunteers.
- The Section hosted the visit of the IEEE Life Members Tour in Europe.