

## Latvia Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- Latvia Section fostering Industrial Relations working with industry through industrial associations as well as through personal contacts of IEEE members in industry, pointing both local and international as well as industrial and academic nature of IEEE in Latvia.
- Local industry (mostly SMEs) does not value IEEE very high, especially if they are not involved in research or scientific activities. Professional workshops on hot industrial topics show advantages of IEEE even for SMEs. They are interested in common EU market for projects and jobs to try to establish new relations with industry with the help of IEEE student / graduate student and PhD students, who are working in industry.
- Promoting collaboration with the professional groups in the different industrial areas, including social, industry-related events and workshops in cooperation with other national industry organizations.

### Students and Young Professionals

- Co-sponsorship of annual events for IEEE students, like
  - 3rd IEEE workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering with Lithuania Section, November 13-14th, 2015, Riga, Latvia
  - Annual awards for the best BSc thesis
  - Series of technical seminars for undergraduate students
- The Latvian section working in the continuous attraction paradigm, we are looking for undergraduate students to become of members and be aware about this possibility from very early stage of studies. The involvement of early stage young professionals is and most efficient form of attraction in IEEE Latvia section. In frame of collaboration contracts with secondary schools our team provides training in electrical engineering, energy saving and computer control applications.
- Different events are organized in University / School collaboration, with promotion of IEEE, if possible, when secondary school pupils. The training event is taking place at secondary schools to inform on the opportunities to study at the program, the professional tutorials for pupils was organized and the electrical engineering specialty and opportunities of the further working places for the program graduates will be over-viewed as well.
- Organization of local and participation in IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest.

### Section Vitality

- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings, planning Sections activities and special events.
- Promotion of IEEE by organization of IEEE Day.
- Co-sponsorship of scientific and popular events, like
  - RTU 56th International Conference, October 2015
  - 3rd IEEE workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, November 2015
  - 12th International Baltic Conference on Databases and Information Systems, July 2016
- Direct mailing special events.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Co-sponsorship of annual events for IEEE students, like 3rd IEEE workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering with Lithuania Section, November 13-14th, 2015, Riga, Latvia.
- Cooperation with the student and young professionals societies in Latvia.