

## Lithuania Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- Activities and initiatives that work well in our Section to foster Industry Relations:
  - Tradition to select from the industry the Section ExCom officer for Section Industry Ambassador (earlier Industry Relations Coordinator).
  - Tradition of information exchange and involvement of industry partners in all organized by the Section or our Chapters regular joint international workshops with foreign colleagues as also as all technical meetings.
  - Industry representatives are regularly invited to lecture students about the latest developments in the field of electronics.
- Changes would be required by our Section to improve Industry Relations:
  - The Section will seek to sign legal agreements with major domestic business associations.
- Our major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:
  - Agreement has been reached with several industry leaders about the organization of workshops for our Student Branch.
- How are we going to continue to foster Industry Relations?
  - The Section will try to approach domestic innovative companies in order to enlarge the industry relation network.

### Students and Young Professionals

- Activities that work well in our Section to support Students and YP:
  - Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers.
  - Annual awards for the best MSc thesis and the winners of "Battle of Robots".
  - Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.
  - Series of seminars with hands-on experience for children and juniors.
  - Organization of local and participation in IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest.
  - Engagement of new and existing members by participation in IEEEExtreme competition.
- Changes would be required by our Section to support Students and Young YP:
  - The Section will offer a special grant to support student members of the Section in participating at conferences, workshops and other educational and research activities.
- Our major successes since the last meeting:
  - The Section was technical co-sponsor of the 18th Conference of Lithuania Junior Researchers.
  - The Section organized a competition for the Best Master Thesis in 2015.
  - The Section joined 7 new student members.
- How are we going to continue to support Students and YP?
  - The Section will be involved in organizing the competition for the best Ph.D. thesis of the year in Lithuania.

### Section Vitality

- Well working activities:
  - The best volunteer of the year reward program.
  - The work is carried out continuously with possible senior members to maintain and grow the member base.
  - Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
  - Promotion of IEEE by organization of IEEE Day.
  - Excellent relations and close collaboration with geographically near OU: Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Belarus Sections.
- Changes required:
  - At the beginning of this year we made a mistake managing the finances of the Section, so our Section has not received rebate for 2014. The Section strives to ensure the timely reporting.
  - The Section outreach to major domestic universities.
- Major successes:
  - The Section signed MOUs for a technical co-sponsorship of 3 Conferences (eStream 2015, AIEEE'15 and eChallenges e-2015).
  - Section welcomed about 20 new members.
  - Preliminary work has been done on the organization of the new Chapter of Computer Society (not yet finished).
- To foster Section Vitality, Lithuania Section must always take care of:
  - Member retention and recruitment,
  - Recruiting of new volunteers,
  - Inviting distinguished lecturers,
  - Co-sponsoring local and international conferences,
  - Involving members from industry.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

Anniversaries: 20-year anniversary of Lithuania Section MTT/ED/AP Chapter. The Chapter was founded February 25, 1995. Lithuanian Section will celebrate this anniversary in early November.