

Spain Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- About industry relations, we organized sessions (April 2015) of our Board of Governors (BoG) located at recognized industry venues like BBVA Innovation Center (Madrid) to promote synergies among industry and our section. Further info available at http://www.ieeespain.org/?q=IEEE_reunion_directiva2015
- Best IEEE Spain Section-enterprise award 2015 is for BBBA Center of Innovations, based on the synergies and support established along 2014-15.
- Another evidence was that we organized public sessions (September 2104) at Wayra Innovation Center (Madrid). We attracted recognized speakers from industry and institutions.
- Finally, our section confirm promotion of activities through awards, special tracks at IEEE conferences, seminars and workshops. Every year we recognize those companies that supported IEEE activities with significant support. Professionals from industry are represented at our BoG (IEEE Spain Section). Other initiatives deal with promoting professional agreements and inviting speakers from industry that participate at IEEE Conferences. We are in touch with researchers (PhD) from industry to attract them as valuable reviewers for papers presented to IEEE conferences. We have also developed novelty successful program to promote tech-entrepreneurship and new award devoted to it. The winner this year is Alternative Energy Innovations.
- We have also successfully created the IEEE SPAIN ENTREPRENEURHIP NETWORK with already a large number members.

Students and Young Professionals

- About activities and initiatives with Students and Young Professionals, our section has been active during 2015. As an evidence, we organized Student Branch Congress (April 2015) organized by Student Branch UPM Sur and Universidad de Alcalá branches. During 3 days, all student branches (Spain Section) met at both universities to share their experiences and to discuss various activities related with engineering. Further info available at <http://www.ieeespain.org/?q=cnr2015>
- Also same student sections organized successfully another event (Iberian Section Branch Conference) oriented to students. Further info available at <http://www.ieee-isbc.org/2015/#home>
- Finally, we have promoted activities through awards. Every year we recognize best student branch that performs active work with a significant impact to the community. Moreover, selected students from different branches are represented at our Board of Governors (IEEE Spain Section). Other initiatives deal with supporting those activities organized by students and promoting networking among young professionals and well recognized companies at industry. As work in progress, we are promoting a set of successful activities in order to be replicated at other universities, i.e., near to the students from different parts of our country. We have also developed a new program to promote tech-entrepreneurship and continuing the support of promotion of science and engineering.

Section Vitality

- We can confirm a high value of our section vitally. As an evidence, the section leads the organization of conferences and special flag conferences as EUROCON 2015- Salamanca Sept-2015 <http://eurocon2015.usal.es>
- Secondly, each year we celebrate IEEE Day at different venues. As an evidence of elevated success, last edition (September 2014) we attracted more than one hundred participants that come from different places at our country. About potential changes in progress, we are preparing continuously high quality videos with open access through internet, i.e., to spread all activities of our section. In addition, we promote uninterrupted and active use of social networks, e.g., Facebook, twitter, among others.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- We have evidences of special achievements and outstanding activities. That is, we have attracted events that are highly recognized at IEEE community. As said before, in September 2015 our section organizes IEEE EUROCON 2015, one of the major IEEE international events.
- As new initiatives, we are evaluating preparation of activities to recognize anniversary of inventions made by IEEE members. Supporting the organization of Tech-Entrepreneurial events such as: STARTUP OLÈ (<http://startupole.eu>), also supported by Region 8 the European Commission-STARTUP EUROPE initiative and several H2020 EU Projects, such as WELCOME, SEP, Startup Scaleup, DIGISTART, EPLUS and MY-WAY, WeHubs. Starup Olè and Eurocon 2015 will bring together around 1000 researchers, innovators, tech-startups, investors (eg. Lucey Funds, Entrecanales, Faraday, DAD, DPIXEL, ETVENTURE Socios Inversores, etc), medium and large corporates (eg. Google, Telefonica, Freelancer, Iberdrola, BBVA, Banco Santander, Google, Banco Sabadell), media, European Commission Representatives, and stakeholders, generating a great forum for networking and new synergies.