

## **Austria Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

Cooperation with the local electrotechnical association in events and activities gets us closer to industry. An increase in standards related activities could improve that even further. What always worked and works well is conferences with an industry part (a fair, a panel) where we personally invite industrialists.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

Students are the main asset and source of exciting activities in the section. We support them in their travel activities, meeting with other CEE student branches and with awards for their activities. They organize excursions, hackathons, courses, etc. We can link them up with distinguished lecturers and other networking activities of the IEEE.

### **Section Vitality**

The plan is to do section officer meetings and other events not always in Vienna but also "in the country" where members, chapters, branches are also located. This will further strengthen our position and increase our visibility.

### **Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

The founding of the professional association in Austrian law is done. The rest of 2016 will be used to align the section membership with this new association. 2 years of work and negotiations come to an end finally. We have new bylaws, address, etc.