

Benelux Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

In order to improve the relation with industry in the Netherlands, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the IEEE Benelux section and the Royal Netherlands Society of Engineers (KIVI) was signed. With 20,000 members, KIVI is the largest engineering society in the Netherlands. Traditionally, KIVI activities are organized by active members from industry, whereas most of the IEEE activities have been focusing mainly on the academic community in the past years. The MoU was signed during a joint IEEE/KIVI symposium on "Management challenges of the internet of things" by the executive director of the KIVI, Micaela dos Ramos, and Bart Smolders, chair of the IEEE Benelux section. The main objective of the MoU is to organize joint activities which are of interest for KIVI and IEEE members in the domain of Electrical Engineering. The MoU fits well with the 'IEEE Action for Industry'. By engaging with the KIVI, the Benelux section expects to bridge the gap towards members from industry. In addition, we expect to attract new members from industry.

Students and Young Professionals

- Several of our Student branches work very well. They organize several activities and act as a kind of study association for the department of Electrical Engineering.
- The WESYP conference was organized in the Eindhoven, The Netherlands in 2015.
- Our policy is to actively support the student branches.

Section Vitality

- We have signed on MoU with the KIVI, the Dutch organization of academic engineers. This will strengthen our visibility and connection to the industry in the The Netherlands. We will organize joint activities in the future. The first joint meeting was organized in September 2015.
- We finally were able to start the affinity group WIE in the Benelux.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback