

## **Czechoslovakia Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

- Regarding Industry relations, we are keeping in touch with our industry members. Some companies are joining our YP lectures program.
- To improve the industry relations, Region 8 should be more responsive to requests from sections to support IEEE activities.
- Our Section initiated a contact with NXP Semiconductor, Inc. and is ready to organize YP lectures.
- We would like to share our positive experience with other companies and to encourage them to join our program.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

- We have 3 active student branches in our Section. We help them with their local activities as well as with joining Region8 activities. We support at least one student conference a year. There are several student competitions organized in cooperation with universities.
- We started YP lectures program initiative with major universities in our Section.
- Our section continues with the activities mentioned above.

### **Section Vitality**

- We support new student memberships through competitions and programs. IEEE membership is promoted at every conference technically co-sponsored by our Section.
- The Section needs more committee members to extend member activities.
- Number of members has increased and the Senior membership has more than doubled since last year.
- We will keep on going with the same activities.

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

We would appreciate some set of instructions to the sections on conference technical co-sponsorship. Every year we are dealing with concurrent sponsorship endorsed by other sections, but our section has own rules for technical co-sponsorship. Since conference organizers are usually out of IEEE, they are confused by the agreement which is not valid in concurring section.