Lithuania Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:
  - Tradition to select from the industry the Section ExCom officer for Section Industry Ambassador.
  - Industry representatives are regularly invited to lecture students about the latest developments in the field of electronics.
  - Recommendations representatives from the industry to raise their IEEE status to the Senior Member.

- Changes would be required:
  - The Section will seek to sign legal agreements with major domestic business associations.
  - Our Section should actively campaign representatives of the industry to join the members of the IEEE.

- Major successes:
  - During the 16th joint IEEE Lithuania and Belarus Section meeting industry representatives presented their latest developments, exchange views, seek joint solutions to problems.

- We are going to continue to foster Industry Relations:
  - The Section will try to approach domestic innovative companies in order to enlarge the industry relation network.
  - Assignment of the IEEE student members for internship in known research companies.
  - To help to the students find a job during their internship.

Students and Young Professionals

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:
  - Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers.
  - Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.
  - Engagement of new and existing members by participation in "IEEEXtreme" competition and the IEEE Day.
  - Presentations of engineering and scientific achievements of local businesses to the Student Branch.

- Changes would be required:
  - 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.
  - To require teachers who are members of our Section, during theirs introductory lectures to agitate and motivate students to join IEEE.

- Major successes:
  - Preliminary work has been done on the organization of the new Student Branch in Siaulai University (not yet finished).
  - The trip and the participation of the IEEE Student members of the Lithuanian Section in the 3rd IEEE Workshop "AIEEE'2015" in Riga, Latvia was organized.

- Continue to support Students and YP:
  - Searching sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.
  - The Executive Committee will revive the tradition to motivate doctoral students enrolled in the first course of doctoral studies, to become a member of the IEEE.

Section Vitality

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:
  - The best volunteer of the year reward program.
  - Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
  - Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
  - Promotion of IEEE by organization of "IEEE Day".

- Major successes:
  - The IEEE MGA recognized the formation of the IEEE Lithuania Section Chapter of Computer Society.

- Required changes:
  - The IEEE eNotice Service is a very useful tool, however, it is important for the Lithuania Section to send eNotice e-mails in Lithuanian. The eNotice in Lithuanian distinguishes the regionally important information from all other e-mails, received from IEEE. The problem is in language coding. When we prepare the text in Lithuanian with language-specific characters, everything looks correct in the system. However, in the received e-mails, the Lithuanian characters disappears and the "?" is placed everywhere instead of those letters. It would be good, if one of the our volunteers could receive a control e-mail, to make sure everything will look as expected and approve the eNotice distribution for members of the section.

- Lithuania Section must always take care of:
  - Member retention and recruitment,
  - Recruiting of new volunteers,
  - Inviting distinguished lecturers,
  - Co-sponsoring of local and international conferences,
  - Involving members from industry.
Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

New initiatives:
- Participation in organization of Microwave and Radar Week MRW-2016 conferences.
- To support relations of IEEE Lithuania Section and MTT/ED/AP Chapter with IEEE Sections and Chapters not only in Region 8, but in Region 10.