

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.
 - Technical meeting with Engineers from China company Plywave TECH Co.,LTD. November 28-29, 2015 in Vilnius.
- 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 "IEEEExtreme" 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 their 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.