

Slovenia Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- In the field of Industry Relations, we do continue with a good practice of maintaining personal contacts with key engineering leaders in Slovenian industry. We are trying to invite best internationally active companies to our conferences and events, with our Electrotechnical and Computer Engineering Conference as one of the best examples. This demonstrates the potentials of engineering career and opens up a potential contact for young graduates, members of IEEE to establish a direct contact with the Industry.
- Companies are also extremely interested in partnership with our student members. In 2015, 3 student excursions have been organized at major companies in Slovenia like Krka, our pharmaceutical company and Yaskawa, a Slovenian branch of internationally renowned player in robotics.
- While we do have a firm cooperation with most important players in the industry, we would especially like to extend our industrial cooperation to the fields where the industry, especially SMEs would benefit from knowledge and experience of local IEEE members.

Students and Young Professionals

- Students and YP activities in Slovenia demonstrate good results and a high overall number of organized events. While the number of IEEE student members is not high among regular students and 1st and 2nd grade of academic studies, this number increases significantly among PhD students.
- Despite relatively small number of undergraduate members, Student branch Ljubljana is highly active, with at least 15 events in 2015, which include invited lectures, competitions, tutorials and social events. As volunteers, SB members have also made a great contribution as assistants during the R8 Committee meeting in October.
- Slovenia Section will continuously support, both financial- and organization- wise, the meetings and social events of students and young professionals.
- Recently we are experiencing reduced activities by SB Maribor, mostly due to graduation and move of supporting volunteer leaders from University of Maribor. Efforts are being taken at the moment to revitalize SB activities in Maribor.

Section Vitality

- Membership in IEEE Slovenia Section has become a tradition among most members, therefore we experience a relatively high retention rate. With a standing number of members counting around 300, in recent years we have also built a relatively firm core of active volunteers amounting to around 10% of total membership.
- We are looking to increase presence of the Section in broader engineering public by organizing events opened to both members and non-members of IEEE.
- We also assume that membership is to be built from the bottom up, therefore we invest special efforts in student membership. A special event is being organized each year in October at IEEE Day to present our society to new students.
- To increase our public presence, a new website has been designed by the end of 2015, featuring most important contact information, links and news list. An automated event list aggregates information from our Facebook event list simplifying event maintenance.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

In October, 2015, Slovenia Section IEEE has hosted the 105th R8 Committee meeting. We would like to thank to R8 and to all participants for this excellent opportunity, for being trusted and for excellent attendance.