

## **Switzerland Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

Support of the section by the industry is on a constant level in Switzerland since a long time. Some large companies strongly support their employees in becoming IEEE members, others (mostly small ones) don't. We are still seen as an academic club, and we carry out events in companies in order to be visible. We also organize events together with national engineering societies, which provides a benefit in terms of industry relations.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

We involve the students early in excom and section activities. We have a small number of very active student branches. It is very difficult to establish new student branches, so we do our best to connect the SBs together and to other universities so that they can catalyze more activity. Besides our mission to send at least one student per SB to SYP 2016, we are trying to organize events in combination with more than one student branch.

### **Section Vitality**

We are constantly growing our section by creating new society chapters. After the successful reanimation of EDU chapter and foundation of IES and AESS chapters, this year we could establish a GRSS society chapter. The growing waste of time caused by organizational changes that are imposed upon us by the IEEE HQ demotivates our volunteers and causes the vitality to slow down. Financial reporting using netsuite, e-mail flooding and COI forms that are sent to us - every year - are nonsense

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