

Getting Closer to Industry

- We organized student career development events to gather together industry representatives and students/young professionals. In one specific example, Turkey Section organized a career event "Women in Leadership - Career Insight" at GE Turkey Innovation Center in November 2015 by participation of 50 IEEE Women in Engineering student members from 16 Turkish universities. GE Aviation Turkey General Manager Dr. Aybike Molbay and GE Healthcare Eastern and African Growth Markets Imaging Products Services Director Aysun Kurman were speakers. They gave insight particularly on career development as a women, being a women in technology & engineering and shared their experiences. We also arranged seminars and lectures by companies for IEEE members. For example, National Instruments delivered seminars on "Software Defined Radio for 5G and Beyond Wireless Systems" at several universities in Fall 2015.
- We plan to further encourage active industry involvement in all local conferences and meetings. Particularly, we will ask the companies to provide hands-on experiences for students during these events. We also plan to organize career events with speakers from different industries to inspire students.

Students and Young Professionals

- Turkey Section has vibrant student activities. Students eagerly participate in IEEE activities and meetings to expand their perspectives in their careers.
- Our student activities were also recognized by IEEE Region 8. For example, Uzay Kas from IEEE METU Student Branch received the "Super-Volunteer Award". Izmir Institute of Technology received Exemplary Student Branch Award.
- Most Turkish universities have IEEE student branches. We plan to encourage the other universities with relevant programs to open student branches in the coming years. The most difficult part for student activities is to find financial support. IEEE can provide additional financial support for such activities. Our Section members will also pursue their own industrial contacts to create funding for such activities.

Section Vitality

A variety of technical and professional conferences, seminars, workshops and other events positively work well and contribute to the vitality and sustainability in Turkey Section. Most members take a personal satisfaction to volunteer for IEEE events and become role models for their younger colleagues. Student activities are particularly supported by participation of Section members. Turkey Section will continue to support its members and offer new programs to its members as per the feedback and requests from the members.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback