

Cyprus Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

The IEEE Section supports the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative IEEE Region 8 in order to rejuvenate IEEE's involvement with the industry and develop strong working partnerships between IEEE and industry companies. The IEEE Cyprus Section has already signed MOU agreements for internship programs with 10 big companies from the telecom, energy and computer sectors and has secured 50 internship positions for our student and YP members. Very soon we will contact our members for supporting the mentoring programs.

Students and Young Professionals

The IEEE Cyprus section set up a new student branch (Frederic University Student Branch). IEEE Cyprus Section has very active student branches. The IEEE Cyprus Section sponsors events, activities, competitions and seminars, related to new technologies and other issues that are for the interest of the student society, organized by the student branches in cooperation with their universities. The IEEE Cyprus also sponsored the participation of 5 students and 1 Young Professional in SYP2016. The Student branches supported the IEEE Cyprus Section for the organization of MELECON 2016. IEEE Cyprus entrepreneur's network is also active in organizing talks and seminars for young entrepreneurs. The implementation of internship and mentoring programs through the Action for Industry Initiative will provide value to students and young professionals. Through internship they will be able to acquire working experience and opportunities for future employment.

Section Vitality

Since vitality is one of the three focus areas of Region 8, it is also of high priority for IEEE Cyprus Section. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

- Create an action plan with each student branch, affinity group and chapter.
- Legal Registration of IEEE Section
- Update our website <http://ieee.org.cy>
- Keep metrics related to membership development. Contact deactivated members and ask them to renew.
- Communicate with people that could be potential IEEE members to convince them to join IEEE.
- Set up a new student branch.
- Organize the annual event for membership recruitment.
- Organize seminars and workshops for our members.
- Teacher In-Service Program (TISP)
- The IEEE Section will continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative IEEE Region 8.
- Review the national society agreement (Memorandum of Understanding, MOUs) with the Technical Chamber of Cyprus. Sign an MOU with other technical societies in Cyprus.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- New initiatives:
Teacher In-Service Program (TISP) - IEEE Cyprus section representatives (volunteers) from the academic era participated in TISP Training Workshop in Greece. The Cyprus IEEE Section volunteers, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of Cyprus, are organizing for the 4th Q 2016 workshops to train school teachers and other IEEE Cyprus Section volunteers to perform interactive lesson plans in their classrooms thereby increasing the interest of students in pursuing science/engineering related degrees in the future.
- item Special achievements:
 - 1) The IEEE Cyprus Section organized successfully the 18th Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference MELECON 2016. The conference took place from 18-20 April 2016, at St. Raphael Resort, in Limassol, Cyprus. More than 250 participants, presenters and volunteers were participated in the conference and more than 180 technical and research papers were presented covering the areas of Information and Communication Technologies, Electrical Power and Renewable Energy Systems, Internet of Things, Big Data and Cloud Systems, Virtual Environments and Emerging Environmental Systems and Applications.
 - 2) The IEEE Cyprus Section signed an MOU with the Cyprus Computer Society.