

Italy Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- IEEE Italy Section is also promoting an Industry Committee program. A proper Industry relation Committee has been formed in the Italy Section. The Industry relation Committee is in touch with several important national industries and their employees. Two members of the industry relation committee are from Industry. They know the industry needs and can demonstrate how IEEE can be of help. Italy Section continues to strengthen its relationship with two Italian Technical Associations:
 - AICA - Associazione italiana per l'informatica ed il calcolo distribuito (www.aicanet.it)
 - AEIT - Associazione Italiana di Elettrotecnica, Elettronica, Automazione, Informatica e Telecomunicazioni (www.aeit.it) that is also sister society of IEEE.
- Italy Section has signed MoU with both of them and mutually co-sponsor main events and conferences.
- The IEEE Italy Section is co-sponsoring the annual meeting of the AEIT and AICA.
- Proper Leadership Training within the Sections is organized.

Students and Young Professionals

- During the annual meeting of the Italy Section RTSI is it offered an important opportunity to young graduated and PhD student to be on the stage showing their advancement in the field. Oral presentations and interactive posters are scheduled. A booklet to collect all the abstracts and the relevant info is also released and published on the Conference web site.
- Recent activities coordinated by the Young Professionals Group of the Italy Section are reported on the web site <http://sites.ieee.org/italy/young-professional>, the most relevant are listed in the following:
 - Young Professional Conference on Remote Sensing 2015 (<http://ieee.uniparthenope.it/chapter/gold15.html>). The Conference runs on 2-3 December at the "Sala Multimedia", Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), Barcelona, Spain.
 - Young Professional Conference on Remote Sensing 2016. The Conference is going to be organized in Beijing, China just before the International geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) 2016.
- As described below, in the web site of the Section a dedicated orientation tool for the graduated and under-graduated students and young professionals in all branches of IEEE is reported. All the educational proposals, the study and research programs, the PhD courses of the Italian Universities are listed, and the related web links are indicated.

Section Vitality

- The section has appointed a chair for the membership development. The chair for the membership development is in touch with the members for any question about their membership. During each event organized by the Section a special place is dedicated to the IEEE membership information, where all specific information about IEEE, its scope, and the advantages to be member of IEEE are given.
- The section promotes specific awards for distinguished students and young professional members of the section.
- The section contributes to give visibility to the IEEE world and to increase the interest to become IEEE member through thematic workshops, tutorials, and interdisciplinary conferences.
- The synergy between the Section chapters is strongly stimulated.
- The Chapter best practice and the outstanding work of section members is specifically awarded.
- Thanks to the work of the Educational Activities Coordinator of Italy Section a dedicated orientation tool for the graduated and undergraduate students in all branches of IEEE has been realized by the Italy Section. All the educational proposals, the study and research programs, the PhD courses of the Italian Universities are listed, and the related web links are indicated. (See: <http://sites.ieee.org/italy/education-activities>).

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- In 2016 twelve chapter (AP/ED/MTT joint chapter - 6 awards, AP/MTT joint chapter - 2 awards, BC chapter - 1 award, CS chapter - 1 award, EMB chapter - 3 awards, GRS South chapter - 5 awards, IA chapter - 1 award, MAG chapter - 2 awards, PHO chapter - 1 award, PE chapter - 2 awards, RA chapter - 1 award, SMC chapter - 1 award) have in program to award 26 Master students, PhD students and Young Professional. A quarterly Newsletter of the Section is sent to all members. The newsletter informs the section members about the recent news of the Section the Chapters, Section Committees, Student Branches, other activities, announcements
- A section website <http://sites.ieee.org/italy> shows the information about membership, Section Board, Chapters, Education, Student Branch, Young Professional, News, Events, Section Guidelines.