

**Latvia Section****Andrejs Romanovs****Getting Closer to Industry**

- Continuing cooperation with largest professional associations; participation in organizing the professional events (conferences, technical workshops, lectures) for both IEEE members and non-members
- Development new incentives/benefits for members from SME's (major domain of Latvian economy) would strengthen industrial relations
- Cooperation in organizing the 5th International Doctoral School of Energy Conversion and Saving Technologies in cooperation with industrial representatives; student groups visits to industrial partners and workshops about the current successes and needs of industry
- To strengthen industrial relations representative from industry is invited to Sections' ExCom Industrial Ambassador' position

**Students and Young Professionals**

- Involvement of student in different IEEE and Sections' activities - students are very active in organization not only student and pre-university events (summer schools, workshops, invited lectures, tutorials, student conferences and social events), but large international professional and academic events; planned participation in SYP Congress, planned organization of IEEEXtreme 2016; planned formation of SYP AG
- Organization of the scientific events with publications, included in IEEEXplore and indexed in WoS and Scopus (higher level students are interested in) and regional practical and scientific events with neighboring countries with social programs; Nordic cooperation would be beneficial
- Student paper contest (first stage in April 2016, second in October 2016), in conjunction with different Universities student contents and conferences (Riga Technical University, University of Latvia, Rezekne Higher Education Institution, etc)
- Section continuously supports different students and young professionals events (technically and financially); supports new student memberships through competitions and programs both at University and pre-University level

**Section Vitality**

- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings, planning Sections activities and special events, inviting students and IEEE non-members from academia and industry
- Revitalizing almost dormant chapters (EdSoc, RTU student branch)
- Increasing efforts from chapters and societies to encourage students and young professionals

**Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

- Co-organization of the 4th IEEE Workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering -AIEEE' 2016, will be jointly organized in Vilnius (Lithuania) by IEEE Lithuania and Latvia Sections supported by Vilnius Gediminas Technical University and Riga Technical University. Last year more than 60 participants from 11 countries and 20 universities and research centers have joined the scientific conference and its socializing program on two days.
- Organizing / sponsoring at least 3 international conferences and 5 local events yearly gives a good recognition level both locally and internationally.