

Lithuania Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:
IEEE Lithuania Section (LS) is constantly mediates between Industry and Universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship, etc.
- Changes would be required:
 - IEEE LS should examine R&D market in Lithuania.
 - It is necessary to draw up a list of potentially interested companies in cooperation with IEEE LS.
 - Involving more IEEE members coming from Industry in the Section ExCom (now about 70% are academics).
- Major successes:
 - Active participation of our Section and all its Chapters organizing Open Conference "eSTREAM"
 - IT experts from the Industry were invited to lecture "Embedded Systems as Foundations of Cyber-Physical Systems" which was presented by IEEE DL Bernadetta Kwintiana Ane
 - Employees of enterprises of antennas and microwave technologies have been invited to lecture "Modeling of UWB Antennas" of Professor Yevhen Yashchyshyn (IEEE Senior Member, Warsaw University of Technology)
- We are going to continue to foster Industry Relations:
 - It is necessary to identify the benefits of cooperation between the companies and IEEE LS.
 - The section will continue its effort to attract an industrial relations representative from our members.

Students and Young Professionals

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:
 - Organization of the annual contest "Best Master Thesis".
 - Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers.
 - Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.
- Changes would be required:
 - It is necessary to draw up a detailed list of the benefits of being a student member of IEEE.
 - To require teachers who are members of our Section, during their introductory lectures to agitate and motivate students to join IEEE.
- Major successes:
 - IEEE Student Branch of Kaunas University of Technology was founded.
 - The annual Conference of Lithuania Junior Researchers was held.
 - About 15 students have become new IEEE members.
 - MoU on the 4th joint Student Workshop "AIEEE'2016" of IEEE Latvia and Lithuania Section was signed.
- Continue to support Students and YP:
 - Prepare leaders to form IEEE Student Branch of Vilnius University.
 - IEEE LS continues to support the YP representatives who work actively in the competition commission "Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania" and advertise IEEE.
 - IEEE LS supports YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils.
 - Searching sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

Section Vitality

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:
 - The best volunteer of the year reward program. Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
 - Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
 - Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as "IEEE Day", workshops/congresses and conferences.
- Major successes:
The IEEE MGA recognized the formation of the IEEE Student Branch of Kaunas University of Technology.
- Required changes:
 - Section should complete the formation of IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group.
 - From IEEE R8 we expect help/guidelines to Section volunteers to improve Section activities and vitality.
 - It will be necessary to have more industry people in the board.
 - The Section needs more ExCom officers to extend member activities.
- Lithuania Section must always take care of:
 - Organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process.
 - We could not realize our plan to increase the number of the Senior Members in IEEE LS.
 - Constantly updating the Facebook page of the Section (<https://www.facebook.com/IEEE-Lithuania-Section-462539263947774>) and the website: <http://iee.lt>.
- We must not forget also:
 - Member retention and recruitment,
 - Recruiting of new volunteers,

- Inviting distinguished lecturers,
- Co-sponsoring of local and international conferences,
- Involving members from industry.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

The Chair of our VGTU Student Branch, Eldar Sabanovic and leader of YP, Dovile Kurpyte, attended the IEEE R8 SYP Congress in Regensburg. Thanks to IEEE R8 and Germany Section for arranging this event.