

Sweden Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Sweden Section drives & sponsors initiatives for approaching industry & business. E.g Section driven or sponsored initiatives with Chapters, external parties etc. E.g cross-chapter workshop with industry speakers, via WebEx
- Industry relations are strengthened by e.g having industry members involved in IEEE positions, e.g Chair or Board members in Chapters, Section Board etc. Sweden Section appointed new individual responsible for Industry initiatives
- Cooperation across IEEE to address topics of interest to industry members: E.g Industry dominant chapters cooperate with academia dominant chapters.
- WiE relevant for female industry professionals, hence a growing affiliate. Cooperate with industry associations in seminars.
- Started new tradition of 2 yearly industry-academia events, by Section, SYP & WiE since Nov 2015: Entrepreneurial workshop in May 2016 with startup, investor, support agency and University
- However, tighter business environment is a challenge; Tighter budgets & less sponsoring, slim organizations & less time for voluntary work such as IEEE. Accelerated during 2016

Students and Young Professionals

- The Sweden Section vitality has increased substantially in WiE, YP and SB. Restarting SB in CTH by more direct relations with student unions, as well as particular chapter involvement.
- Restarting SB in BTH and CTH by promoting & supporting SYP Regensburg
- Direct involvement in the Section Board: Initially by adjuncting key individuals from SYP & WiE, then elevate to ordinary positions. This cuts communication barriers and builds for future elevation to Board positions.
- Direct involvement of SYP members in Nomination Committee
- Strong support & involvement from the Section Chair & Board inspires & enhances the efforts of SYP & WIE.
- Recognition is important, e.g Awards
- Cross country-border events are very stimulating Adding the industry perspective making it even better.

Section Vitality

- More direct communication with all Sweden Section members; Mails from Section Chair, Newsletter, ad hoc communication of special topics, outlooks for next quarter etc. Increased use of WebEx
- More "business type" & structured operation: Combine long-term planning with annual budget; looking for ways to extended process and improve, more active reporting & follow up
- The Section drives or sponsors initiatives that cuts across Chapters, SYP WIE etc, preferably with external parties. Institutionalized cooperation; the 4th year of a joint chair workshop planned for 2016q3 - chapters, SYP, WiE.
- Renewal of Chapter boards. Forming a new pan-Nordic chapter, hosted in Sweden initially
- Need to modernize the web, initiation is starting up after the summer
- IEEE improvement: eNotice is too slow - direct mailing to all members have been delayed or slow in distribution. Hence missing inviting to opportunities, and spreading outdated information
- IEEE improvement: WebEx too inflexible - setting up broadcasting a week in advance (rather than hours) is perceived as outdated

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

Active process to elevate members to senior member level - 42 new in spring 2016