

The 108th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting

Finland Section

Getting Closer to Industry

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- We are closely engaged with the IEEE Action for Industry initiative and through our Section Industry Ambassadors, we reach out to local industries.
- IEEE as a whole should be able to serve its industrial members better by creating better value for their membership.
- The number of industrial contacts has increased substantially.
- We continue our engagement with the IEEE Action for Industry initiative.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

The academic institutions actively seek to engage with IEEE and organize a number of seminars and conferences that are open to our members. Finland Section is also seeking to engage in collaborative relations with other societies with similar focus in order to provide mode benefits to the members of IEEE in the Section. One example of such activity is the collaboration with the local branch of the Institute of Physics with whom we are planning jointly organized seminars and shared events. Finland Section is also supporting its Technical Chapters to with their counterparts in other Section in the Nordics. Chapters of the IEEE/CPMT society are a good example: they merged together to form a Nordics-wide joint chapter and now together organize a technical conference & exhibition that is planned to travel from one destination to another within the Nordic states. In the past Finland Section has had very active SYP groups but this activity is withering despite of our active efforts to find new people to carry on the tradition.

Section Vitality

Our membership-numbers are relative stable but in order to stay vital the Finland Section needs members that are more active. We seek to engage new members by inviting them to events and volunteer participation. We support our less active technical chapters to initiate new activities and encourage the more active ones to expand their activities and make them visible beyond the current members in the hopes to engage new people and new members. We have been quite successful in engaging new members but this activity should be made continuous.

IEEE in Africa

Look in the existing activities among the different Sections, try to identify models/ideas that work and apply them in practice.

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