

# Bosnia & Herzegovina Section

### Getting Closer to Industry

Involving companies in fostering student internship programs and other student and young professional activities:

- BH-Telecom the largest telecom provider was important sponsor of SYPC-BiH in December 2016
- Involving BH Power Utility Company in sponsoring ISGT 2018 to be hosted in Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Organized meeting between the BH Power Utility management and PES President Elect Rahman Saifur and our PES officers in October 2016

### Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- Workshops:
  - Leadership and Body Language, provided by Kurt Richter Region 8 PA Speaker for YPAG and SB University of Sarajevo October 2016
  - BH SYP Congress in December: Student papers presentations as posters
  - Technical Workshops
  - Start-up Hackaton
- Technical lectures:
  - PES President Elect Saifur Rahman Lecture "What is the Smart Grid"
  - SSIT President Greg Adamson visited Section and delivered three lectures for students: "An introduction to SSIT Cybercrime, risk management and financial payments" at University of Sarajevo, University of Tuzla and IPI Academy College Tuzla.
- BH Section sponsoring Hardware/Software student competition at the INDEL 2016
- Students from SB University of Sarajevo organized IEEE day celebration with the Room Escape Game.
- SB University of Sarajevo team was among top 50 in the IEEEXtreme 10.0, and another team was among top 100.
- IEEE volunteers provided technical lectures at the International Burch University Sarajevo for a newly established SB and at the EMPIRICA ICT College in Tuzla to promote IEEE activities.
- Student representatives' participation in regional IEEE events: ZEC Energy conference in Zagreb Croatia, 2-4 December 2016, PES SBC University of Sarajevo representatives attended

#### Section Vitality

- INDEL 2016 Banja Luka organized by University of Banja Luka and Joint PELS/IAS Chapter first time conference proceedings included in the IEEEXplore important for attracting new members
- BIHTEL 2016 organized by University of Sarajevo and ComSoc Chapter. The symposium has significant participation from industry.
- Organized Section elections using vtools for the first time, and also elections for the PES Chapter Officers.
- Bringing DLPs with new and interesting topics

#### IEEE in Africa

Region 8 could bring some important IEEE events to Africa (meetings, conferences, congresses, training) and also provide support for students and YPs to attend these events.

# Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

To promote ISGT-Europe 2018 Conference that will be held in Sarajevo.

#### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Participated in 45 anniversary celebration for Serbia and Montenegro Section in Belgrade jointly with representatives from Croatia and Macedonia Sections (TELFOR November 2016).
- Joined PES initiative in reviving PES Chapter in Serbia and Montenegro Section and attended PES workshop organized in Belgrade November 2016 at MEDPOWER conference. BH YPAG Chair and student representatives delivered lectures on IEEE activities in BH.
- First Life Member in our Section.
- Planning for Senior member elevations.
- Technical co-sponsorship for the CMBEBIH 2017 (March2017) in co-operation with the national Association for Engineering in Medicine and Biology. Prominent participation of students from the EMBS SBC University of Sarajevo.
- PES Chapter representatives attended Chapter Chairs training at the ISGT Europe on 9th of October
- Both our PES and PES SC chapter received the PES Awards (monetary awards) for their high performing activities (PES HPCA) in 2016 (PES Chapter was 1st in R8, PES SC was 2nd on global level)

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