

## **Czechoslovakia Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

Some companies gave us positive feedback on the Action for Industry. However, the implementation process is always blocked somewhere in the company. We will keep trying and pushing this activity since it's a great opportunity for a win-win situation.

The IEEE Czechoslovakia section is considered to be more academic oriented, but since our ExCom's number of industry people has increased, we do believe our relation to Industry will get stronger.

### **Attracting and Supporting Future Members**

Our most effective way of attraction and support of potential members is done by our university colleagues. Student contests and support brings annually more than 1% increase in membership. The section is supporting over 20 conferences, 30 lectures and 5 contests every year, which increases our visibility and the great value of the IEEE membership.

This year we have approved more than 5k USD support for student conferences, workshops and lectures. With a help of commercial sponsors, the scale of these activities will be significant and attractive to all participants.

### **Section Vitality**

The section is doing well and stable in terms of the membership numbers. Thanks to the rules for technical co-sponsorship (TPC of the conference with a certain percentage of IEEE members), the number of professional members has increased. Another reason is that Slovakia has canceled the institutional Xplore membership for universities, which motivated academia to go for individual memberships.

Since the last meeting, when we reported low volunteer numbers, former student branch leaders have started to work for the Section. It is a great example of continuity and involvement.

### **IEEE in Africa**

We are not very familiar with the situation in Africa in details. However, our section will welcome anyone from Africa who is interested in our activities and processes.

### **Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria**

We do not have any particular expectations. We believe the delay caused by the time-zones between Region 8 and Piscataway will vanish.

### **Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

In 2017, our section celebrates 25th anniversary. We are finalizing the celebration program and we share the invitation soon.

We would like to emphasize growing cooperation between students and young professionals, which will lead to a series of events this year. Such cooperation is based on the example of Region 8 SAC & YP cooperation.