

## **Estonia Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

Thanks to the Industrial Relations officer, contacts with the national industry associations are good and information exchange about various events is working well. However, the industry people still do not feel to receive enough from being IEEE member.

On the other hand, DL topics last year happened to be attractive also to industry. The traditional summer seminar in August will bring together both industrial and academic members of the section. Presentations at the seminar are from both groups and of interest for all.

A new industry oriented joint chapter have been created - IA/PE/RA (Industry Applications/Power & Energy/Robotics and Automation) was approved Dec. 14, 2016. The petition to form IE/PEL (Industrial Electronics/Power Electronics) was started in the end of 2016 (approved in February 2017).

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

Student activity is increasing and WIE of Student branch of TUT has been very active. One of the reasons seem to be the increasing number of foreign students at universities. On the other hand, this also points out the need to make IEEE more visible to students with local background. One of the possible ways would be to do this through industry because many of the students are working already.

Students participate actively at IEEXtreme. The section is covering the fee for those students the first time are enrolling to IEEE to take part of competition. However, not all students renew their membership.

Students are participating at section's events. Their representatives are present at ExCom meetings and we are continuously ready to listen them, to advice and to support as much as possible.

### **Section Vitality**

IEEXtreme is still the largest one-event source of new members but not all of them will continue their membership. The interest for senior membership status exists but is one that should be improved.

To show the section and its activity, students and industry have been informed about upcoming events, especially about DL events. This will help to show benefits of IEEE membership especially for PhD students.

The member count continues to grow slowly. One way to increase that is closer contacts with industry. This has been in place for more than a year now but it will take more time see results, probably.

### **IEEE in Africa**

Since there are many students from Africa studying at universities in Europe, what can be done for Africa is to inform the students about IEEE and membership benefits.

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

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

- Estonia Section supported technically or through members in committees four conferences that were held in Estonia during 2016 - ReCoSoC, CyCON, VLSI-SoC, BEC.
- Actions to form two joint chapters of industry related societies.
- Anniversary Summer seminar and General Assembly on Aug. 19-20, 2016 - IEEE Estonia Section became 10 years old.
- New Senior Members.