Greece Section

Getting Closer to Industry

A series of activities are followed in Greece Section to get Section members closer to industry:

- A series of lectures are given based on the following initiatives and programs
  - DLP
  - Participation to the Action for Industry initiative of IEEE
- Students get to know industry operations through Field / Educational Trips (thanks to Student Branches and IAS Chapter)
- Section supported as community sponsor/partner events of other organizations that are industry-oriented.
- The activities of the Section were recognized by IEEE Region 8, being a co-recipient Section for the success of the “Action for Industry initiative”
- Members get more opportunities to find their position in industry through job posting in our media of information (e.g. LinkedIn, website etc.) and promotion of job fairs.
  - An international DLP with industry originated lecturers would be interesting and is required not only for keeping our members updated, but also for initiating collaborations and business networks.
  - The Section is exploring the possibility for participating an Incubation program and mentoring/consulting services for young researchers and engineers in Greece.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

There is a significant number of activities that take place in the Section to Attract and Support Future Members:

- Excellence, collaboration and creativity are supported by contests:
  - Student contests
  - Maker fairs and shows
  - Promotion of IEEE R8 contests and awards
- Network of collaborations
  - Strategic collaborations of IEEE Student Branches (e.g. TISP events)
  - Preparation of the Hellenic SYP 2017
  - Social Media Networking (via Publicity Chair)
- Participation as sponsor/supporters of local conferences and scientific events.

Some changes that are required by IEEE/the Region/ Section to better Attract and Support Future Members, are the following:

- Offer more opportunities for networking in R8
- Provide access to a number of services by IEEE for students and Young professionals

The Section has supported the SBs and YP AIG to attract Future Members:

- Support of Section’s Student Branches
  - Role allocation to Student Branch Officers
  - TISP events across Greece
  - SB’s workshops
- Support of YP AIG
  - Offer financial support for reviving the AIG

The Section continues to support Students and Young Professionals:

- Support of new SB’s and YP AIG events with lecturers and sponsorship
- New officers are trained by experienced past officers through a new training program offered every two years in Hellenic SYP

Section Vitality

- Awareness
  - Website
  - Social media
  - Lectures in technical events
- Initiatives
  - SIGHT
  - EPIC
  - Action for Industry
  - Promotion of TISP to the local education Community
- Summits
  - Section summits
  - SB summits
- Young officers’ development
  - YP and SB Officers assigned active roles in Section

IEEE in Africa

The Section can offer collaboration via its OUs to other OUs in Africa. Twinning is suggested as the best practice.
Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria
The IEEE office in Europe should consider porting all benefits that are provided to the rest members to the members residing in Region 8. Also, the office may serve as the bureau of the IEEE members in Europe and participate in think tanks and committees regarding the science and research in EU.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback
The Section has received numerous recognitions for its participation to Professional, Industrial and Educational Activities initiatives