

## Lithuania Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

Activities work well in Lithuania Section to foster Industry Relations: IEEE Lithuania Section (LS) is constantly mediates between Industry and Universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship, etc.

Changes would be required:

- Membership Profiles (Statistics) of the R8 Sections should be analyzed and it is necessary to ask the Sections with a large number of IEEE members of the industry to share their good experiences.
- It is necessary to draw up a list of potentially interested companies in cooperation with IEEE LS.
- IEEE LS should examine R&D market in Lithuania.

Major successes:

- IEEE Lithuanian and Belarus Sections organized a joint 17-th workshop “Modern Microwave and Optoelectronics Systems”. Industry representatives participated at the workshop and were asked to renew their IEEE membership.

We are going to continue to foster Industry Relations:

- LS intends to invite representatives of the industry, coupled with the electronics and electrical engineering, to participate in social activities, which are organized by our Section.
- LS intends to promote the participation of industry in the exhibitions organized within the conference, supported by our Section.

### Attracting and Supporting Future Members

Activities that work well (to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and YP):

- Organization of the annual contest “Best Master Thesis”.
- Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers.
- Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.

Changes would be required:

- It is necessary to draw up a detailed list of the benefits of being a student member of IEEE.

Major successes:

- The 4th joint Student Workshop “AIEEE’2016” of IEEE Latvia and Lithuania Section was held.
- MoU on the 3rd Open Conference of Electrical, Electronic and Information Sciences (eStream) and annual 17th Conference of Lithuania Junior Researchers “Electrical & Electronic Engineering” were signed.

Continue to support Students and YP:

- Prepare leaders to form IEEE Student Branch of Vilnius University. IEEE LS continues to support the YP representatives who work actively in the competition commission “Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania” and advertise IEEE.
- IEEE LS supports YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils.
- Searching sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

### Section Vitality

Activities that work well:

- The best volunteer of the year reward program.
- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
- Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
- Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as “IEEE Day”, workshops/congresses and conferences.

Major successes:

- ExCom of IEEE Lithuania Section has organized elections of Chair of the IEEE Lithuania Computer Chapter and Chairs of the IEEE Student Branch of the Kaunas University of Technology.

Required changes:

- Section should complete the formation of IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group.
- It will be necessary to have more industry people in the board.

Lithuania Section must always take care of (continue to foster Section Vitality):

- Organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process.
- We could not realize our plan to increase the number of the Senior Members in IEEE LS.
- Constantly updating the [Facebook page](#) of the Section and the website: <http://iee.lt/>.

We must not forget also:

- member retention and recruitment,
- recruiting of new volunteers,
- inviting distinguished lecturers,
- co-sponsoring of local and international conferences and
- involving members from industry.

### **IEEE in Africa**

Lithuania Section encourage more active involvement of the competent representatives of the African countries in the working Committees of the IEEE R8.

Lithuania Section expect to invite and appoint a reduced registration fee for participation in conferences and workshops, supported by IEEE Lithuania Section, IEEE members from Africa.

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

Lithuania Section is hoping that the answers to questions that take into account the specifics of the IEEE R8, we will get much faster and more comprehensively of this new Office than from IEEE MGA Administration.

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

Lithuania Section has supported the initiative of the YP and Student Branch of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University to establish a “Foyer of the IEEE” at the Faculty of Electronics.