

Slovenia Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

Slovenia Section permanently maintain good relations with companies, which recognize value of IEEE locally and worldwide. Our people from the industry are regularly visiting our events and meetings. We offer community advice and a place to present own activities to local members and worldwide at conferences regularly organized in Slovenia.

Industrial members of local electrical engineering society are seeking recognition and discount for IEEE membership. Currently, partnership with a local society calls for some administrative tasks, which represent quite some effort for a small section.

Our major companies are happy for participation with 2 student branches in terms of internships by IEEE student members and excursions. More can be done to promote IEEE activities to non-members in terms of organizing local technical events in local language.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

Public events opened to all engineers work well for attracting new members. A well recognized event last school year related to scientific publishing in IEEE Press was a boost to attract new graduate student members. IEEE could bring more professional activity related lecturers and instructors to educate members on soft engineering skills.

We are continuously fostering relations between the industry and students, promoting career development and information flow. Further student activities like sponsored student competitions are going on in the study year 2016/17.

Section Vitality

We are proud to have the largest absolute retention rate in R8. We are a bit disappointed by still missing our goal as defined by the Region.

We will continue to act in a positive and open way to our members who recognize that the benefits of membership cannot be valued in free bonuses but through the fact of being a member of a largest engineering community in the world.

We also recognize the long-awaited simplified procedure of group payments which is of a great benefit to members to whom membership fee runs as a bonus paid by the company.

IEEE in Africa

Africa Area should try to actively deploy mechanisms of IEEE support through distinguished lectures programmes or similar sources of funding. I recommend to launch tour suggestions for lecturers visiting more than a single section in order to boost the efficiency of funding.

Platforms such as Collabratec should be used to connect IEEE researcher members from sections like ours and from the African sections, working on common research topics and writing joint scientific publications. One possible method would be to launch region-specific research project suggestions to be joined by prospective researchers. Communication resources may bring us together despite of big physical distances.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Presence of IEEE office should be oriented towards EU policy and standardisation. Here, IEEE possesses a strong potential of a large European engineering body. It may successfully promote good engineering practice and knowledge over partial interests that may arise within certain national engineering communities. Engineering ethics and globally compatible engineering solutions are the key values of any IEEE member and here the Office can take great operational role.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

ERK, our annual national conference in electrical and computer science, we have celebrated 45 years of IEEE in Slovenia. Our distinguished guests were Kurt Richter, Aleksandar Szabo and Baldomir Zajc.