

## Switzerland Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- Workshops organized by the Chapters and Affinity Groups, where industrials are invited, in order to interact with academia and students
- Visit of the students to different industrials and companies (e.g. visit to Google, etc.)
- General Assembly of our Section has taken place in different companies, possibility to interact between members and industry
- Presence of IEEE ExCom members at different conferences where they interact with the companies
- Presence of IEEE Switzerland at Jobs fairs, where recruitment of possible employees is taking place
- We will continue to do events as above and think about other new ones

### Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- Events/Workshops organized by IEEE Switzerland where non-IEEE members are also invited; in this way they become familiar with IEEE, e.g. Technical English Writing workshop, different technical workshops
- Organization (between 2011-2016) and winning in 2016 by EPFL of the IEEE Xtreme 24 h programming competition; non-IEEE members became members to specifically join this competition
- Presence of IEEE ExCom at different conferences and explaining what the IEEE membership is, when they have the chance
- Organization by the Student Branches of various events (visit to Google, etc.)
- We will continue to do events as above and think about other new ones

### Section Vitality

- Complete and submit all IEEE necessary documentation (e.g. Meeting Reports, Financials) for the previous year
- Report all Section Officers, Affinity Group, Chapter, and Student Branch Chairs.
- Update section website regularly with information (events description, etc.)
- Organize joint meeting with student branches
- Organize professional development events, e.g. workshops/seminars
- Organize a continuing education activity (e.g. Technical English Writing Workshop).
- Check Affinity Group and Chapter activities to ensure continuity
- Check meeting reporting on vTools for all local units
- Organize frequent physical meetings in the ExCom and constant dialogue on the internet
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### IEEE in Africa

- Establish some direct communication between the Africa Area Chair Ms. Gloria Chuckwudebe and the individual Sections. In this way we will learn about their needs and where we could support them.
- We offer our full support to IEEE Activities in Africa
- If IEEE Sections from Africa want to establish a joint event with Switzerland or organize small visit and IEEE discussion in Switzerland, we would be happy to inquire about local arrangements

### Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

- An environment for market relevant, voluntary consensus standardization
- Establish some dialogue about the program strategies and Europe-specific policies, procedures, opportunities, and challenges

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- We are now establishing a Swiss SIGHT Affinity Group for humanitarian projects
- A high number of technical IEEE conferences were held in Switzerland in 2016