

Turkey Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

In the Turkey Section, Industry Relations Coordinator acts as a liaison between industry and the Section. The responsibilities of the Coordinator include leading fundraising activities for the Section, helping the Membership Development Coordinator increase the number of IEEE members from industry and supporting the Professional Development and Educational Activities Coordinator identify speakers/instructors from the industry. This recently created coordinator position has been instrumental to foster industry relations. It has been particularly useful to secure some sponsorship and arrange speakers from the industry for locally organized IEEE conferences. It is also planned to develop a partnership with the Turkey Chamber of Electrical Engineers (EMO) with more than 42,000 members.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

In the Turkey Section, Student Activities Coordinator and Associate Coordinators act as an interface between the executive committee and student branches. These coordinators provide guidance to student branches, attend student branch meetings/congresses, and other related activities. We have received very positive feedback from the students regarding the active guidance of this newly established coordination mechanism.

Our Section considers the Young Professionals Affinity Group as a key to continue the commitments of IEEE student volunteers after their graduation. In January 2017, a new Chair was elected for this Affinity Group. In collaboration with the new Chair, we plan to re-energize this group and expand the membership base.

Section Vitality

After a long transition period due to local regulations, the elected officials of IEEE Turkey Section took over the management in April 2016. In an effort to revamp the activities across the Section, the new Executive Committee contacted all Chapters and urged them to go for elections if their last election was held for more than two years ago. Elections were held at COM, YP, AP, PE, PHO, AP/ED/MTT/EMC Chapters. Elections/election preparations are going on at EMB, C, SP, AES, CAS, CIS, TEM Chapters. IEEE Turkey has provided administrative support to all chapters, particularly for the use of vtools for the election organization. We believe that the activities in each Chapter would significantly increase under the management of newly elected Chairs. In parallel, we have plans to encourage forming of new chapters, since, based on our membership data, we seem to have enough members for 8 more chapters.

IEEE in Africa

As IEEE Turkey Section, we will be happy to support IEEE Activities in Africa. For example, we could arrange speakers for their locally organized events.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Local presence of IEEE within Europe would be particularly useful in membership recruitment. For example, the delivery of promotional material from IEEE HQ takes several weeks. Such material can be directly shipped from Europe office. The office can also organize workshops on effective membership recruitment.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

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