

Zambia Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- 1) The Educational Partnership in Africa (EPA) and Smart Village initiative work well to foster Industry Relations. EPA has provided material support in electrical machines for the laboratory and construction of a High Voltage demonstration substation at the University of Zambia. Smart Village concept will establish solar power plants in rural parts of the country
- 2) To improve industry relations, my Section intends to facilitate in the students' industrial attachments with various employers and also by recruiting more members from the industry
- 3) The hosting of PES Conference and the IEEE Virtual Event program in Africa (Green ICT) workshop last year were among the major successes
- 4) My Section intends to hold workshops and presentations in various towns in order to continue to foster industry relations

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- 1) Conferences and workshops work well in my Section to attract and support future members. These should be accompanied by promotional materials
- 2) There is need to open a local account where members will be required to deposit their membership subscriptions in local currency. Currently members have to make bank transfers to the USA account which tends to discourage some of them due to transfer fees. Such transfer fees can then be taken up by the Section Account
- 3) Distinguished lecturer's visit was one of the major successes in terms of attracting members. Educative lectures were conducted at the University of Zambia and the Copperbelt University
- 4) Support to students and young professionals would continue through professional engagements in workshops, lectures and networking. There is also need to state clearly the benefits of being a member of IEEE

Section Vitality

- 1) Workshops and Lectures drive the vitality and sustainability of my Section. Other initiatives include involving employers to support its staff in payment of subscription fees
- 2) Increased promotional materials would be required to improve my Section Vitality and sustainability. Member benefits must come out clearly
- 3) Renewal of memberships was one of the major success of my Section Vitality
- 4) Membership recruitment for students and professionals in the industry shall continue to foster Section Vitality

IEEE in Africa

- 1) IEEE Region 8 should increase awareness of IEEE's contributions to the industry through standards and innovations in order to foster IEEE in Africa
- 2) My Section could support IEEE activities in engagement of both the industry and the academia in carrying out the activities

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

My Section expects both material and financial support out of the new IEEE office in Vienna.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

One of the outstanding new initiatives is the Smart Village concept where some villages will benefit through the establishment of solar power plants that would enable rural development to flourish