
Benelux Section**Dirk Van Hertem****Getting Closer to Industry**

We try to hook up with industry through our chapter activities. Within our section committee we have 3 members from industry. We continue to support activities that try to link with industry, but we agree that IEEE remains unknown to many in industry and we hope to increase our impact.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

We have a new program which supports our student branches with additional funds if they attract more students.

We had a well attended general assembly as we invited our newly elected IEEE fellows to give a short technical seminar immediately after the seminar. Such top level presentations attracted the attention of over 100 attendees, including non-members.

We have a student branch support scheme <http://www.ieee.be/ieebnl/?q=node/17> which we intend to continue.

Section Vitality

We have a well established team of volunteers which we continuously expand with new volunteers.

We are now specifically targeting our chapters, with a new chapter chair coordinator. We hope to get them better involved in the section activities.

For all conferences organized in our section, we link the organizers with the chapters in their field and offer support.

IEEE in Africa

Focus on some core regions/aspects and try to work from there.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Local support for activities with our sections (A4-size printed brochures, conference support with a local understanding,...)

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

We organized a symposium for the IEEE medal of honor recipient Kees Schouhamer Immink:

<http://homepage.tudelft.nl/2k00k/ImminkSeminar/>