

# **France Section**

#### Getting Closer to Industry

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In continuation with a MOU signed last year with General Electric we are organizing workshops with this company. These workshops are dedicated to industrials and are open to IEEE and non IEEE members. The first one occurred in July and was a success (55 people registered). The attendance asked us to renew this kind of action and some other companies where candidates to host our workshops. We'll continue to work on that subject that is one of our Section main priorities.

#### Attracting and Supporting Future Members

We are now sending an email to new members to introduce the Section and also to insist on the "advanced technology for humanity" aspect of IEEE which is not always well known. We will organize in November a workshop with YP for networking and a better implication in IEEE activities. Non IEEE members will be invited to this workshop. We also are helping Student branches and chapters to develop their activity. IEEE could help us in providing supports (slides, etc.) to encourage European people to join us. The work on this subject is ongoing.

#### Section Vitality

We'll organize in October a meeting with all chapters and affinity groups presidents in order to help them to increase their activity.

### IEEE in Africa

France is close to north Africa countries (Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco) and we could help to reinforce joined activities with these countries sections.

#### Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Essentially financial support in order to avoid to handle dollars but just euros.

## Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

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