

## Lithuania Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well: IEEE Lithuania Section (LS) is constantly mediates between Industry and Universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship, etc. Major successes (since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations):

- The database for bachelor and master theses topics was created, cooperating with local companies (it was also started filling in).
- The cycle of elective classes on microwave technology and antennas was organized and implemented in cooperation with local companies.
- The volunteers of our section provided mediation services for the employment of trainee students.

We are going to continue to foster Industry Relations:

- LS intends to invite representatives of the industry, coupled with the electronics and electrical engineering, to participate in social activities, which are organized by our Section.

### Attracting and Supporting Future Members

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well (to Attract and Support Future Members):

- Organization of the annual contest “Best Master Thesis”.
- Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers.
- Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.

Major successes:

- Several conferences supported by our Section were held recently: “Electronics 2017”, “Noise and Fluctuations (ICNF 2017)”, the 3rd Open Conference of Electrical, Electronic and Information Sciences (eStream 2017) and 20th Conference for Junior Researchers “Science - Future of Lithuania. Electronics and Electrical Engineering”. Our Section organized a review of the papers and the publication of the Proceedings of these Conferences.
- MoUs on the 5th IEEE Workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering (AIEEE’2017) and 2018 International Conference BIOMDLORE 2017 were signed.
- The Organizing Committee of the 2nd Nordic Student and Young Professionals (NSYP 2017) Congress is formed and actively works.

Continue to support Students and YP:

- IEEE LS continues to support the YP representatives who work actively in the competition commission “Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania” and advertise IEEE.
- IEEE LS supports YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils.
- Searching sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

### Section Vitality

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:

- The best volunteer of the year reward program.
- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
- Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
- Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as “IEEE Day”, workshops/congresses and conferences.

Major successes:

- A representative of our section, Tomyslaw Sledevic participated in the Annual 2017 MD Workshop, which was organized in Bratislava, Slovakia on May 19-20.

Required changes (by our Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability):

- Section should complete the formation of IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group.

Lithuania Section must always take care of (continue to foster Section Vitality):

- Organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process.
- We could not realize our plan to increase the number of the Senior Members in IEEE LS.

### IEEE in Africa

- Lithuania Section encourage more active involvement of the competent representatives of the African countries in the working Committees of the IEEE R8.
- We expect to invite and appoint a reduced registration fee for participation in conferences and workshops, supported by IEEE Lithuania Section, IEEE members from Africa.

### Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Lithuania Section is hoping that the answers to questions that take into account the specifics of the IEEE R8, we will get much faster and more comprehensively of this new Office than from IEEE MGA Administration.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

Chair of the IEEE Lithuania Section Young Professionals Affinity Group Dovile Kurpyte was recognized as “Exceptional Volunteer of 2017 Region 8 Young Professionals” and has been awarded at the IEEE R8 Meeting in Stockholm.