

Norway Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

Focus for the last periods has been to establish internships in the industry for students. Potential companies and mentors has been identified. Next step is to advertise towards students.

To further foster industry relations active chapters with industry participation is a necessity. The section is doing its best to support the chapters, both by inviting them in the Section ExCom meetings and by assessing the chapter structure.

A lot of members in the industry are potential senior members. We plan to organize a small event for senior members to celebrate them and show our appreciation. Based on this we want to make a list of candidates for senior membership and help them elevate.

Per Kristian Lien from the Norway section has been appointed new Industry Ambassador for Europe North.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

The section has one Young Professionals Group. This group has been quite active, but previous Chair had to step down due to other obligations. We have now succeeded in recruiting a new chair: Soudabeh Khodambashi. Successfully established collaboration with Junior Chamber International in Trondheim to co-organize events for young professionals.

To better support the student activities, we need incentives to motivate students to become IEEE student members, so that they can join in the competitions, talks/seminar, etc. We also think that the establishment of internships in the industry for students will make it more attractive to become student members.

Section Vitality

The re-instated Section ExCom (where the section board and the chairs of all chapters and affinity groups meet) has been partly a success. Still difficulties in assembling all the participants to the monthly/bi-monthly telcos.

The section arranged a face-to-face ExCom meeting in March focusing on strategic vision work. In this workshop the activities of the section was framed in a Business Model Canvas, and the different value propositions was assessed regarding our divergent "customer" segments. Agreed actions from this workshop will be implemented.

Currently working on reactivating the Control Systems chapter.

IEEE in Africa

Currently nothing planned, but open to suggestions of how to support IEEE in Africa.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Development and support of further membership benefits adapted to the needs of members in R8.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

The IEEE Board of Directors has approved the IEEE History Committee's recommendation that an IEEE Milestone will be located at the University of Oslo. The milestone will honor the development of object-oriented programming done between 1961 and 1967 by Ole-Johan Dahl and Kristen Nygaard.

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