

Switzerland Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- 1) Organization of different events with industrial partners.
- 2) Annual General Assembly of our Section has taken place in different companies. Here there is the possibility of interaction between IEEE members and industry. For example, GA 2017 has taken place in Biel/Bienne, Switzerland at OFCOM (the Federal Office for Communications).
- 3) The Section supports visits to different companies, especially of Young Professionals visiting major companies in Switzerland (e.g. Google, etc.).
- 4) The Section participates in international conferences, where industrials are also present. In this case, there is a clear networking of IEEE members with the industrials.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- 1) Organization of different events and competitions where non-IEEE members are invited.
- 2) As Chair of IEEE Switzerland, when I attend different technical conferences or other events, I explain what the IEEE membership is.
- 3) To support the members, the Section organizes various technical events as well as competitions for Students and Young Professionals.

Section Vitality

- 1) The Section updates section website regularly with information (events description, etc.) and sends invitation through vTools to its members to invite them to different events.
- 2) The Section checks the meeting reporting on vTools for all local units, Chapters and Affinity Groups.
- 3) We organize frequent physical meetings in the ExCom and establish constant dialogue through e-mails.
- 4) We organize, at Section level, professional development events, such as workshops, seminars and technical events.
- 5) We report all Section Officers, Affinity Group, Chapter, and Student Branch Chairs.

IEEE in Africa

- 1) We offer our full support to IEEE Activities in Africa.
- 2) We can provide from Switzerland Section, all the necessary support for different activities and collaborations.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

- 1) We would like to establish some dialogue about the program strategies and Europe-specific policies, procedures, opportunities, and challenges.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- 1) Our Section ExCom and Chapter Chairs have organized various events, such as various Distinguished Lecturers programs, supported international conferences, such as European Navigation Conference 2017.
- 2) There had been 6 new fellows in 2017.
- 3) The Adrien Palaz Auditorium at EPFL was launched in 2016 and it can also be used for the organization of several events of the Student Branch at EPFL with direct and full support from the IEEE Switzerland Section and its Chair, Dr. Maria-Alexandra Paun who works at EPFL.