

Estonia Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

Contacts with the national industry associations are rather good and are improving. The goal is to let the industry people also to feel that they'll benefit from being IEEE member. One of the ways to do this is to exchange information about various events like DL visits. Preparations for the traditional summer seminar in August are on the way and presentations are expected from both industrial and academic members of the section.

Two new industry oriented joint chapters have been created - IA/PE/RA (Industry Applications / Power & Energy / Robotics and Automation) and IE/PEL (Industrial Electronics / Power Electronics) - to intensify contacts with industry.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

The activity of students has not been so high during the last few months because of the examination period and graduations. However, new activities are planned for autumn. This includes also getting IEEE student members more active in counseling new students, especially those of foreign background. Also, WIE of Student branch of TUT has been very active.

To attract more student members, the Section is supporting their participation at various events (e.g., IEEEXtreme). The students are also welcome to participate at Section's events. Representatives of Student Branches are present at ExCom meetings.

Section Vitality

No significant changes here during the last few months and the same features can be outlined, essentially. Namely, IEEEXtreme is still the largest one-event source of new members but not all of them will continue their membership. The interest for senior membership status exists but is one that should be improved.

On the other hand, Estonia Section has met its recruitment goal for the 2017 membership year already. We'll try to keep this growth. The new chapters - IA/PE/RA and IE/PEL - will probably increase the interest of potential members from industry. Extending an existing C/COM (Computer / Communications) with Information Theory (IT) will attract people from more theoretical fields.

IEEE in Africa

Students from African countries studying at universities (also in Estonia) are good candidates to distribute information about IEEE and its activities. Student Branches could be the best way to address these students. Plus looking at examples from the other Sections.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

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Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

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