

## **Czechoslovakia Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

Currently, we are implementing the Action for Industry initiative. However, the negotiations take some time since the companies are very careful about any kind of agreement. We have contacted Honeywell, NXP, Siemens, EVPU and we are about to start with Eaton and more local companies. Another activity is a connection between companies and student branches activities, usually by a sponsorship or a company involvement in workshops (lectures, etc.).

### **Attracting and Supporting Future Members**

This year we have invested in Membership Development Workshop, either by organizing the R8 MD Workshop in Bratislava and by invitation of an additional MD officer. Our MD officers are trying to make the IEEE more visible and more valuable, aligned with other activities such as conferences.

### **Section Vitality**

Last months we are talking to new potential leaders to create one new chapter and to extend one joint chapter. This initiative will bring more members and activities, thus better visibility of the IEEE brand. However, we are still struggling with our volunteers, hoping for newcomers from student branches and young professionals.

### **IEEE in Africa**

Africa is a very diverse region with many different needs. I would recommend to communicate with the section leaders and MD officers in Africa, to listen to their needs and to encourage them to be initiative and not to wait for an advice. During our MD workshop, I've found out that many officers wait for some guidance, while themselves are the ones who know the best, what is needed. Sometimes it's better just to trust them and appreciate them.

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

It would be nice to have an access to some meeting room in Vienna in case we have an important meeting with some company. In case we need a help with visa invitation letters for our guests from outside of Europe, the office could help us.

### **Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

Our Section is celebrating 25th anniversary this year. The celebration will take place in late Autumn/Winter (the date is still to be decided).