

Romania Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Companies in Romania are more interested to get involved in organizing conferences.
- The IEEE PES Romania Chapter proposes, on yearly basis, engineers from industry to be awarded the Outstanding Engineer Award. The section has agreed to expand this incentive/recognition for all chapters.
- The number of IEEE members from industry is increasing.
- The Section helps engineers from industry to elevate to Senior Member.
- Engineers from industry are invited to universities to share their professional experience. The most active chapters are CS, EMB, PES, and MAG.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- In order to encourage the future engineers to become IEEE members, the IEEE Romania Section pays the membership fee for the first year membership for students proposed by chapters.
- Various student competitions and summer schools are organized by Chapters
- We believe that access for free to IEEEExplore for students will help IEEE to reach its goals. Most of the students cannot afford to pay for having access to IEEE publications, but their access will help the science. IEEE will have no financial loss from this.
- Representatives of the Section are invited within various conferences to present the benefits of being an IEEE member.
- The Section supports financially (awards) all IEEE student competitions organized by the Romanian chapters (SSC, ED, EMB, CS)

Section Vitality

- The number of members of the IEEE Romania section was steady in the last years. However, the number of young professional members has increased thus replacing the retired members.
- The IEEE Romania Section contains 23 Chapters. Many of our chapters are very active and organize various activities in the spirit of IEEE. Examples of activities are conferences, one-day workshops, invited speakers, student competitions, promotional activities and others.
- A Women in Engineering Affinity Group was created in 2016.
- The Young Professional affinity group was created in 2017.
- The Section encourages members to apply for Senior Member and Fellow. Several members have applied in 2016 and 2017, while other are in preparation. This year 8 members have been elevated to Senior Member.
- Conferences and technical events are good practices to keep the members active within the IEEE. 7 conferences has been organized, and 10 are planned until the end of year 2017.
- The Section promotes IEEE and the Section's activities during the opening ceremonies organized in Romania.

IEEE in Africa

- Probably IEEE should provide access to educational material. The Romania Section can help in this regard; lots of materials in English in the field of electrical power systems, computer science, engineering in medicine, etc. can be provided.
- We believe that informative campaigns through universities and foreign companies acting in Africa should be organized.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

- Logistics could be ensured from Europe. For instance, Senior Member plaques, recognition certificates, badges or others can be manufactured and shipped from Europe in order to reduce the shipping costs and time. Customs papers are always required in Romania for deliveries from the USA.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- The Young Professional Affinity Group was created in 2017.