

Spain Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

The main yearly event of the Section takes place in October for the IEEE Day. This year we are organizing a panel of industry executives, focused on semiconductor industry. We will invite CEOs of companies located in the three main electronics clusters in Spain and they will share with the audience their thoughts on the sector in the country and on innovation in general. We plan to devote a part of the session to specific interaction with students and YPs present.

We are organizing a centralized calendar to invite local industry members to IEEE talks and seminars organized by the chapters.

We continue promoting internship positions through the R8 AfI program.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

In 2017 we have expanded our Student Branches Congress to Students, WIE and Young Professionals. The first Spain SWYP took place in Granada in February 2017. It was the best attended by students in record, which shows that we have the capacity to attract and engage students. As it was the first time that YP and WIE participated, the attendance from these groups was significant, but needs to be improved in the future. For the next year we plan to include even more activities specifically directed to them.

YP team in the Section has been completely renewed and we expect to see more activities in the near future. The Section YP Chair is attending SC in Sydney.

The Section supports the operation of Student Branches by allocating a significant budget. SBs can apply to organize specific activities from that budget.

Section Vitality

Retention in Spain Section is quite stable and reasonably high. Members are satisfied with the level of activities, particularly these organized by chapters. We try to support chapter activity by providing funds for seminars and talks.

IEEE in Africa

Spain has a close relationship with some African countries, especially those in Northern Africa, which are in close vicinity. We will be happy to organize joint activities.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Support in the managing of conferences would be very useful.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

The Section will celebrate its 50th anniversary in April 2018.