

Turkey Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

In the Turkey Section, the Industry Relations Coordinator acts as a liaison between industry and the Section. The main responsibilities of this Coordinator are a) to expand membership base from industry in collaboration with the Membership Development Coordinator, b) to identify potential industry sponsors for Section activities, and c) to support the Professional Development and Educational Activities Coordinator identify speakers/instructors from the industry. Such a coordinator position has been instrumental to foster industry relations in our Section. It has been particularly useful to secure some sponsorship from the industry for local IEEE activities.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

In the Turkey Section, Student Activities Coordinator and Associate Coordinators act as an interface between the executive committee and student branches. These coordinators provide guidance to student branches, attend student branch meetings, and other related activities. We have recently launched an annual Senior Thesis Project Competition open to IEEE student members. In collaboration with some industrial sponsors, we have offered several prizes for the winners. Such activities aim to keep the student members engaged in our activities.

Our Section considers the Young Professionals Affinity Group as a key to continue the commitments of IEEE student volunteers after their graduation. In collaboration with the new elected Chair of this Affinity Group, we plan to re-energize this group and expand the Young Professionals membership base.

Section Vitality

During the last year, we held elections at most of our Technical Chapters. IEEE Turkey has provided administrative support to all chapters, particularly for the use of vtools for the election organization. We expect to have an increased level of activities in each Chapter under the newly elected Chairs. In parallel, we encourage the formation of new chapters. Most recently, in June 2017, the formation of Robotics and Automation and Industrial Electronics Joint Societies Chapter was approved.

IEEE in Africa

As Turkey Section, we will be happy to support IEEE Activities in Africa. For example, we could arrange speakers for their locally organized events.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Local presence of IEEE within Europe would be particularly useful in membership recruitment. For example, the delivery of promotional material from IEEE HQ takes several weeks. Such material can be directly shipped from Europe office. The office can also organize workshops on effective membership recruitment.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

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