

Cyprus Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

The IEEE Cyprus Section supports the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative IEEE Region 8 in order to rejuvenate IEEE's involvement with the industry and develop strong working partnerships between IEEE and industry companies. The IEEE Cyprus Section in 2017 has implemented the MOU agreements for internship programs with 10 big companies from the telecom, energy and computer sectors and has secured more than 50 internship positions for our student and YP members.

IEEE Cyprus Section will participate in two important industry events that will take place during November 2017. The Information Technology and Telecoms (Infocom 2017) and the International Information Security Conference & Workshops (Infosec 2017). Industry experts will also be invited in section events.

The SBs of the IEEE Cyprus Section will organize educational visits to big companies like Electricity Authority of Cyprus, Satellite Earth Stations, Seawater Desalination Plants etc.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

The IEEE Cyprus Section will continue sponsoring events, activities, competitions and seminars, related to new technologies and other issues that are for the interest of the student society, organized by the student branches in cooperation with their universities. The implementation of internship and mentoring programs through the Action for Industry Initiative will provide value to students and young professionals. Through internship they will be able to acquire working experience and opportunities for future employment.

Section Vitality

Since vitality is one of the three focus areas of Region 8, it is also of high priority for IEEE Cyprus Section. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

- Legal Registration of IEEE Cyprus Section
- Update our website <http://ieee.org.cy/>
- Keep metrics related to membership development. Contact deactivated members and ask them to renew.
- Organize the annual event for membership recruitment (IEEE day).
- Conduct a joint meeting between the SBs
- Organize seminars and workshops for our members.
- Teacher In-Service Program (TISP) - organize workshops in high schools Continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.
- Review the national society agreements.
- Hold officer elections
- Organize annual meeting/Announce the new officers

IEEE in Africa

There are several conferences on electrical and electronic engineering and information technology organized in Europe. The IEEE R8 could sponsor the participation of students and young professionals from Africa to these events. The IEEE R8 could also provide support and training to volunteers from Africa in order to coordinate activities and organize events in Africa. Furthermore, professors and industry experts from other area can be encouraged and sponsored to participate in IEEE events that will be organized in Africa.

The IEEE Cyprus section will investigate the possibility to sponsor the participation of a number students and young professionals from Africa in Energycon 2018.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

The staff of IEEE Office in Vienna could implement regional activities and strategic initiatives and objectives of the R8. For example, it will be very useful for the whole IEEE R8 if the IEEE Office in Vienna could provide professional support for the organization of conferences and other events in the region.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

The IEEE Cyprus Section will organize the IEEE R8 flagship International Energy Conference ENERGYCON 2018 in Cyprus. Important dates of the conference:

- First call for papers: March 2017
- Full paper submission: 15 October 2017
- Deadline for workshops/tutorial proposals: 1 October 2017
- Notification of acceptance: 15 February 2018
- Camera-ready papers: 1 March 2018
- Registration starts: March 2018
- Conference dates: 3-7 June 2018