

France Section

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What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations? How are you going to continue to foster Industry Relations?

We organize workshops oriented towards industry in order to give a better visibility of IEEE activities. One has been organized in June 2018 dedicated to "Data science and energy" with around 50 participants, 2 are in preparation: one in March 2018 dedicated to "5G is coming: Insights into the next generation for mobile access" and the other one in June 2018 dedicated to "Digitizing transportation? (co-organized with the IEEE Vienna Office). We think that it is necessary to have more than one Section Industry Ambassador (one by theme and by region). We would like to nominate new SIA in order to multiply our workshop initiatives and to continue to foster Industry Relations.

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Attracting and Supporting Future Members? How are you going to continue to support Students and Young Professionals?

We strongly encourage activities oriented towards students and young professionals. For example, we have sponsored one Student Branch for its technical week (Bee Week in Bordeaux in November 2017). We have answered positively at all financial help asked by our student branches. We also encourage the creation of new student branches. Our actions towards young professional are close to our actions towards industry but we would like to have a "young professional" dedicated event in 2018.

What activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality?

We continue to encourage our members to postulate at higher grades. We have organized in December 2018 a "Chapter president meeting" in order to increase our chapters activities and to help them to better understand what is IEEE.

What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Area Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

End 2017, we have created a SIGHT serving the protection of endangered species and that is active in Tanzania.

What services and which kind of support would you expect for Region 8 and/or your section out of the new IEEE office in Vienna, Austria? How has the existence of this office influenced your section since its inauguration last year?

We think that this new office can help us to foster industry relations. We have met Clara Neppel end 2017 and decided to co-organize with the Vienna Office a workshop dedicated to "Digitizing transportation".

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

We renewed our collaboration agreement with SEE (French engineers' association) for 3 years. In September 2017, we celebrated an IEEE Milestone dedication ceremony commemorating the French Transatlantic Telegraph Cable of 1898, known as Le Direct. It was the first successful direct connection between Europe and the United States. We are collaborating to the Italian Section event "IEEE RTSI 2018 4th edition".