

Greece 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?

- A series of lectures are given based on the following initiatives and programs
 - DLP
 - Participation to the Action for Industry initiative of IEEE
- Students get to know industry operations through Field / Educational Trips (thanks to Student Branches and IAS Chapter)
- Section supported as community sponsor/partner events of other organizations that are industry-oriented.
- An ?Action for Industry initiative? seminar was hosted at the HSYP 2017, that was attended by all the student branches officers
- Members get more opportunities to find their position in industry through job posting in our media of information (e.g. LinkedIn, website etc.) and promotion of job fairs.
 - An international DLP with industry originated lecturers would be interesting and is required not only for keeping our members updated, but also for initiating collaborations and business networks.
 - The Section is exploring the possibility for participating an Incubation program and mentoring/consulting services for young researchers and engineers in Greece. The first steps have been achieved in Patras, participating in the STEP-UP of the POS.

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?

- Excellence, collaboration and creativity are supported by contests:
 - Student contests
 - Maker fairs and shows
 - Promotion of IEEE R8 contests and awards
- Network of collaborations
 - Strategic collaborations of IEEE Student Branches
 - Organization of the Hellenic SYP 2017
 - Social Media Networking
- Participation as sponsor/supporters of local conferences and scientific events.
- Participation of the Membership Development officer to Regional workshops.

The Section officer received this semester an IEEE recognition certificate for Membership Development Some changes that are required by IEEE/the Region/ Section to better Attract and Support Future Members, are the following:

- Offer more opportunities for networking in R8
- Provide access to a number of services by IEEE for students and Young professionals that are not available in Region 8

The Section has supported the SBs and YP AfG to attract Future Members

- Support of Section?s Student Branches
 - Role allocation to Student Branch Officers
 - TISP events across Greece
 - SB workshops
- Support of YP AfG

Offer any support for reviving the AfG. The YP AfG has co-organized the HSYP 2017 with the Section

- Support of new SBs and YP AfG events with lecturers and sponsorship
- New officers are trained by experienced past officers through a new training program offered every two years in Hellenic SYP

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?

- Awareness
 - Website
 - Social media
 - Lectures in technical events
 - Participation in well known scientific events for the public
- Summits
 - Section summits
 - SB summits
- Young officer development
 - YP and SB Officers assigned active roles in Section

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?

The Section can offer collaboration via its OUs to other OUs in Africa. Twinning is suggested as the best practice.

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?

The IEEE office in Europe should consider porting all benefits that are provided to the rest members to the members residing in Region 8. Also, the office may serve as the bureau of the IEEE members in Europe and participate in think tanks and committees regarding the science and research in EU.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

The Section has received numerous recognitions for its participation to Professional, Industrial, Membership Development and Educational Activities initiatives. Students have attracted prizes from Region 8 Contests, namely the first prize in Mind the Gap Contest and the first prize in the Acceleration Educational Program at the University category and a runner up position at the pre-university category. Finally, a large number of international conferences were technically co-sponsored by the Section.