

## Lithuania 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?**

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well: IEEE Lithuania Section (LS) is constantly intermediaries between local electronic, communication and IT industry and Universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship, etc. Changes would be required (by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations):

- The Executive Committee of LS must develop an action plan for industry related activities and allocate a budget for its implementation.
- Membership Profiles (Statistics) of the R8 Sections should be analyzed and it is necessary to ask the Sections with a large number of IEEE members of the industry to share their good experiences.

Major successes (since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations):

- IEEE Lithuanian and Belarusian Sections organized a joint 18-th workshop "Advanced Microwave Devices and Systems" on December 8, 2017 Representatives of the local Industry actively participated at the workshop and were asked to renew their IEEE membership.
- IEEE Lithuanian Section supported, financially and organizationally, a meeting called the "Orange Meeting" between representatives of the Industry and students of final courses. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the motivation of graduate students to continue their studies in the master degree study.

We are going to continue to foster Industry Relations:

- LS intends to invite representatives of the industry, coupled with the electronics, electrical engineering communication and IT, to participate in social activities, which are organized by our Section.
- LS intends to promote the participation of the industry in the exhibitions organized within the conference, supported by our Section.

**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?**

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well (to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals):

- Organization of the annual contest "Best Master Thesis".
- Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers "Electronics and Electrical Engineering".
- Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.

Changes would be required (by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members):

- It is necessary to draw up a detailed list of the benefits of being a student member of IEEE.

Major successes:

- IEEE Lithuania Section Women in Engineering Affinity Group was established in the summer of 2017
- IEEE Nordic Student and Young Professionals Congress (NSYP 2017) was organized by our Section and was held on October 20-22, 2017 in Vilnius.
- The 5th joint Student Workshop "AIEEE 2017" of IEEE Latvia and Lithuania Section was held on November 24-25, 2017 in Riga.

Continue to support Students and YP:

- IEEE LS continues to support the YP representatives who work actively in the competition commission "Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania" and advertise IEEE.
- IEEE LS supports YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils.
- Prepare leaders to form IEEE Student Branch of Vilnius University.
- Searching sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

**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?**

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:

- The best volunteer of the year reward program.
- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
- Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
- Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as "IEEE Day", workshops/congresses and conferences.

Required changes (by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability):

- It will be necessary to have more industry people in the board.

Major successes:

- ExCom of IEEE Lithuania Section in December 2017 has organized elections of the majority of Chairs of the IEEE Lithuania Chapters, as well as the rotation and updating of the officers of the executive committee itself.

Lithuania Section must always take care of (continue to foster Section Vitality):

- Organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process.
- Constantly updating the Facebook page of the Section (<https://www.facebook.com/IEEE-Lithuania-Section-462539263947774/>) and the website: <http://iee.lt/>.
- We could not realize our plan to increase the number of the Senior Members in IEEE LS.

We must not forget also:

- Member retention and recruitment,
- Recruiting of new volunteers,
- Inviting distinguished lecturers,
- Co-sponsoring of local and international conferences,
- Involving members from industry.

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- We encourage more active involvement of the competent representatives of Africa countries in the working Committees of the IEEE R8.

How could your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

- We expect to invite and appoint a reduced registration fee for participation in conferences and workshops, supported by IEEE Lithuania Section, IEEE members from Africa.

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- Lithuania Section is hoping that the answers to questions that take into account the specifics of the IEEE R8, we will get much faster and more comprehensively of this new Office than from IEEE MGA Administration.

How has the existence of this office influenced your section since its inauguration last year?

- In fact, the office in Vienna has been working for a relatively short time and our Section did not need to contact the office to solve any problems or seek support during this time. It can be noted, however, that all Sections of R8 are very promptly informed about the initiatives of the IEEE European Public Policy Committee.

**Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.**

Outstanding new initiatives

- Lithuania Section has supported the initiative of the YP and Student Branch of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University to establish a "Foyer of the IEEE" at the Faculty of Electronics.

Special achievements

- Volunteer of the IEEE Lithuania Section Dovile Kurpyte was awarded an honorary diploma "2017 Region 8 YP Exceptional Volunteer Award" for her dedication carrying out the mission of IEEE YP in Lithuania.