

Slovenia 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?

Slovenia Section regularly invites outstanding engineers and presents success stories from the local industry at our annual conference ERK. The keynote speakers from the industry are able to present their innovations and get attention and potential cooperation with the university. The engineers from the industry take part also in regular sessions and can establish contact with scientists from various research areas for future cooperation.

We personally invite the partners from the industry to attend other sessions of the 2 day conference where they can meet promising students and young professionals. One industry partner is sponsoring some SB events and student competitions.

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 promote IEEE and regularly organize public events at our universities to attract new members. The student branches are addressing new members with organization of workshops covering some important topics which are missing in regular educational course.

The chapters organize lectures with distinguished guests attracting engineers, scientists and young professionals. The future members see the benefit of IEEE in networking, acquiring more skills and establishing contact with professionals in their field. We are encouraging members to renew the membership. The most difficult is transition from student to regular member due to expenses and we are trying to explain the benefits of continuous membership. We encourage the members to become active volunteers.

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?

The vitality of Slovenia Section is maintained by organizing and constantly improving regular events, specifically annual section meetings, conferences and student competitions. We are promoting volunteers jobs and we are happy to welcome new active volunteers at our section meeting.

We are successful in attracting scientists and industry to meet and present their work at our annual conference ERK covering the broad range of topics. The organization of the ERK joins IEEE volunteers from various fields promoting the event and IEEE at their organizations. We will continue to support the bilingual, Slovene and English, papers and presentations which is important for the young participants and local community.

We encourage the mentors at our universities to promote the IEEE student competition and we regularly receive excellent student papers.

The results of continuous support and promotion are high retention numbers for our members.

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 sections in Africa should rely on common communication resources, for example Collabratec, to connect engineers and researchers from the broad area. The IEEE should help local sections to organize events with distinguished lecturers.

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 office could give advice to local sections in maintaining the skills for efficiently running the section. It should provide support for the administrative tasks.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Our student Lucija Brezo?nik received first price on the Student Paper Contest 2017 in EUROCON 2017. The experience from the competition helped her to become active volunteer in local WIE affinity group.