

## Turkey 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?**

In the Turkey Section, the Industry Relations Coordinator acts as a liaison between industry and the Section. The responsibilities of the Coordinator include leading fundraising activities for the Section, helping the Membership Development Coordinator increase the number of IEEE members from industry and supporting the Professional Development and Educational Activities Coordinator identify speakers/instructors from the industry. This coordinator position has been instrumental to foster industry relations. It has been particularly useful to secure some sponsorship from the industry for locally organized IEEE conferences as well as some donations for our award programmes.

**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?**

In the Turkey Section, Student Activities Coordinator and Associate Coordinators act as an interface between the executive committee and student branches. These coordinators provide guidance to student branches, attend student branch meetings/congresses, and other related activities. Last year, we have organized the first edition of Annual Senior Thesis Project competition open to IEEE Student Members. In collaboration with some industrial sponsors, we have offered several prizes for the winners. Such activities aim to keep the student members engaged in our activities.

Our Section considers the Young Professionals Affinity Group as a key to continue the commitments of IEEE student volunteers after their graduation. Last year, a new Chair was elected for this Affinity Group. In collaboration with the new Chair and with financial support from the Section, we plan to re-energize this group and expand the Young Professionals membership base.

**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?**

IEEE Turkey Section executive committee encourages all Technical Chapter Chairs to increase their activity level by organizing short courses, seminars and workshops in their expertise areas. We further provide administrative and technical support in their activities if required. In parallel, we encourage the formation of new chapters. Most recently, in June 2017, the formation of Robotics and Automation and Industrial Electronics Joint Societies Chapter was approved.

**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?**

As Turkey Section, we will be happy to support IEEE Activities in Africa. For example, we could arrange speakers for their locally organized events.

**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?**

Local presence of IEEE within Europe would be particularly useful in membership recruitment. For example, the delivery of promotional material from IEEE headquarters takes several weeks. Such material can be directly shipped from Europe office. The office can also organize workshops on effective membership recruitment.

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

Last year, we have launched two new programmes: "IEEE Turkey Section Research Awards" and "IEEE Turkey Section Annual Senior Project Competition".