

## **Action For Industry (AfI)**

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### **Goals**

number of industry and entrepreneurship events that will be organized in Region 8

### **Status**

NXP in Czech Republic and Cynapsys in Tunisia offered internship positions for 2018. A letter addressed to Region 8 Section Chairs asking for their contribution in AfI initiative was sent by Region 8 Action for Industry Committee Chair. Region 8 AfI subcommittee members will contact Sections and ask them to contribute in the AfI initiative. Region 8 AfI subcommittee chair and members were invited to participate and contribute in Industry forums and industry workshops that will take place during IEEE ICPS 2018 and IEEE GEM 2018. During the Region 8 meeting in Athens an AfI workshop will take place. In the AfI workshop Section Industry Ambassadors will share experiences and best practices and will finalize the 2018 AfI Action plan for their respective Section.

### **Outlook**

Our next steps are:

- 1) Consolidate and continue the Internships.
- 2) Mentoring of members who work in industry, entrepreneurs and YPs.
- 3) Bring willing companies into R8 initiatives.
- 4) Expand AfI initiative in new countries through the appointment of new Section Industry Ambassadors and with the collaboration with YPs, Senior and Life members.
- 5) Encourage and support t Local IEEE Section in their efforts to organize Research to industry,, entrepreneurship and industry events,. Local IEEE Sections can sponsor these events or have their members participate as mentors and speakers.
- 6) Participate in Industry forums and workshops that will take place during IEEE conferences.

### **Points of Concern**

Sections in R8 should put as a priority to get closer with industry and organize events with industry. Region 8 OpCom could ask Sections to participate and contribute in R8 AfI initiative. Section Chairs should not only appoint at least an Industry Ambassador but also set budget for events during which industry people and companies can discuss their plans and their thoughts for the future. Section Industry Ambassador team should have at least one Young Professional.

The biggest challenge so far for AfI initiative is to create a critical mass of members who are involved in this initiative. In order to do so at least 2 people should be involved and contribute in small Sections and at least 3 people in big Sections.. IEEE should recognize members as well as Sections that are participating and contributing in the Action for Industry initiative.

### **Other Issues to report**