

## **Benelux 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?**

IEEE as a whole has for us in Europe a rather academic set of services. I believe our offering to researchers in industry is solid, and we do reach them in our section. Industry (engineers) as a whole are harder to reach. We are currently searching for a new industry relations officer.

**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 have an extensive program to support students, with significant financial support, active support from the SSR and SAC. We invite one student branch to our excom to get them involved, and we have awards for student members. Also young professionals are supported organisational and financially. The SSR, SAC and young professionals are represented in our Excom.

**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?**

regular monitoring. Nothing special has been done after last meeting.

**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?**

No specific recommendations...

**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?**

In the future: conference support (with local knowledge), local input, networking. No real changes have been noticed.

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

Next year, our section will be 60 years old.