

Estonia 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?

Contacts with the national industry associations are rather good and are improving. The goal is to let the industry people also to feel that they'll benefit from being IEEE member. One of the ways to do this is to exchange information about various events like DL visits.

The traditional August seminar, this year in the northern part of Estonia, attracted members both from industry and academia. Presentations at the seminar are from both groups and of interest for all.

One of the industry oriented new joint chapters, created one and half years ago - IE/PEL (Industrial Electronics / Power Electronics) - has been rather active thus proving the need for such chapters. The second one - IA/PE/RA (Industry Applications / Power & Energy / Robotics and Automation) - is still not very active but improving.

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?

The activity of students has not been so high during the last few months because of the examination period and graduations. However, new activities have been planned for autumn. This includes also getting IEEE student members more active in counseling new students, especially those of foreign background. In addition, YP group and WIE of Student branch of TUT have been very active.

To attract more student members, the Section is supporting their participation at various events. The students are also welcome to participate at Section's events. Representatives of Student Branches are present at ExCom meetings.

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?

No significant changes here during the last few months and the same features can be outlined, essentially. Namely, IEEEExtreme is still the largest one-event source of new members but not all of them will continue their membership. The interest for senior membership status exists but is one that should be improved.

During the traditional August seminar, membership issues were also addressed. The section will continue to make IEEE more visible among students who are often working already during their studies. The next year seminar is planned to be in the southwest region to cover wider areas with the goal to attract more potential 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?

Student Branches at universities where many students from African countries are studying, are probably the best way to distribute information about IEEE and its activities.

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?

N/A

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Society awarded "Impedance Spectroscopy" course at Tallinn University of Technology with the Faculty Course Development Award in 2018.