

## France 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?**

We organize workshops oriented towards industry in order to give a better visibility of IEEE activities. One has been organized in March 2018 dedicated to "5G is coming: Insights into the next generation for mobile access" with more than 130 participants. 3 other workshops are scheduled before the end of the year: one in October dedicated to "Blockchain and energy", one in November dedicated to "Towards a decentralized and decarbonated electricity industry" and another one dedicated to "Digitizing transportation" (co-organized with the IEEE Vienna Office). We have already nominated 3 new SIAs (Section Industry Ambassador) in telecom and energy and will continue to nominate new ones in other areas. We continue to multiply our workshop initiatives and to foster Industry Relations.

**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 strongly encourage activities oriented towards students and young professionals. For example, on September 13th 2018, we have sponsored the "ISAE-SUPAERO IEEE Student Branch" association, for organizing a conference on: "Space Environments and Effects" held by Dr. Janet Barth, Emeritus Scientist from NASA. The audience was more than 400 people and the conference continued with a meeting focusing on the women's role in engineering. We also encourage the creation of new student branches.

**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?**

We continue to:

- Engage with Regional Leadership and activities, e.g. attend annual regional meeting (IEEE R8 MD Workshop)
- Conduct a Membership Development activity, e.g. membership recruitment or elevation
- Encourage members to renew
- Use of the Member-Get-a-Member (MGM) program
- Promote IEEE activity in my area
- Encourage Senior Members to hold executive IEEE volunteer positions
- Participate in IEEE MD Webcast monthly events

**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?**

Nothing particular to declare.

**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?**

We still think that this new office can help us to foster industry relations. We have decided to co-organize with the Vienna Office a workshop dedicated to "Digitizing transportation" during this last semester of 2018.

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

Nothing particular to declare.