

Lithuania 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?

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well: IEEE Lithuania Section (LS) is constantly intermediaries between local electronic, communication and IT industry and Universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship, etc. Changes would be required:

- The ExCom. of LS must develop an action plan for industry related activities and allocate a budget for its implementation.

Major successes:

- More than fifty students were sent to internship at the electronics industry through the mediation of the Exec. Committee.
- Consultations with representatives of the IEEE BlockChain Initiative were held; we hope that the establishment of the Affinity Group of BlockChain Lithuania will promote the growth of the IEEE members from IT enterprises.

We are going to continue to foster Industry Relations:

- LS intends to invite representatives of the industry, coupled with the electronics, electrical engineering communication and IT, to participate in social activities, which are organized by our Section.
- LS intends to promote the participation of the industry in the exhibitions organized within the conference, supported by our Section.

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?

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:

- Organization of the annual contest "Best Master Thesis".
- Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers "Electronics and Electrical Engineering".
- Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.

Changes would be required:

- It is necessary to draw up a detailed list of the benefits of being a student member of IEEE.

Major successes:

- Consultations with representatives of the IEEE BlockChain Initiative were held; we hope that the establishment of the Affinity Group of BlockChain Lithuania will promote the growth of the IEEE members from IT enterprises.
- MOU on financial Co-sponsorship of the 6th joint Student Workshop "IEEE 2018" of IEEE Latvia and Lithuania Section, which will be organized in November 2018 in Vilnius, was signed; only members of the IEEE can make reports at this Workshop; this should help increase the number of IEEE student-members.

Continue to support Students and YP:

- IEEE LS continues to support the YP representatives who work actively in the competition commission "Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania" and advertise IEEE.
- IEEE LS supports YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils.
- Prepare leaders to form IEEE Student Branch of Vilnius University and to support IEEE Student Branch of Kaunas University of Technology.
- Searching sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

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?

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well:

- The best volunteer of the year reward program.
- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
- Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
- Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as "IEEE Day", workshops/congresses and conferences.

Required changes:

- It will be necessary to have more industry people in the board.

Major successes:

- The IEEE Lithuanian Section supported the participation of three delegates in SYP Congress in Porto.

Lithuania Section must always take care of:

- Organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process.
- Constantly updating the Facebook page of the Section (<https://www.facebook.com/IEEE-Lithuania-Section-462539263947774>) and the website: <http://ieee.lt>.

We must not forget also:

- Member retention and recruitment,
- Recruiting of new volunteers,
- Inviting distinguished lecturers,
- Co-sponsoring of local and international conferences,
- Involving members from industry.

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?

- We encourage more active involvement of the competent representatives of Africa countries in the working Committees of the IEEE R8.
- We expect to invite and appoint a reduced registration fee for participation in conferences and workshops, supported by IEEE Lithuania Section, IEEE members from Africa.

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?

- Lithuania Section is hoping that the answers to questions that take into account the specifics of the IEEE R8, we will get much faster and more comprehensively of this new Office than from IEEE MGA Administration.
- In fact, the office in Vienna has been working for a relatively short time and our Section did not need to contact the office to solve any problems or seek support during this time. It can be noted, however, that all Sections of R8 are very promptly informed about the initiatives of the IEEE European Public Policy Committee.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

- The ExCom decided to support the organization of the International Conference MIKON 2020 in Vilnius and gained support from the Academy of Sciences of Lithuania.
- Lithuania Section has supported the initiative of the YP and Student Branch of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University to establish a photo exhibition at the Faculty of Electronics.