

Norway 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?

Our activity to establish internships in the industry for students was put on hold since our appointed Section Industry Ambassador had to step down due to other obligations. We have now been able to appoint a new Section Industry Ambassador (Per Kristian Lien). To further foster industry relations active chapters with industry participation is a necessity. The section is doing its best to support the chapters, both by inviting them in the Section ExCom meetings and by assessing the chapter structure. Since the last reporting we have succeeded in establishing a Joint Chapter of Power Electronics, Industry Applications and Industrial Electronics and a Chapter of Computational Intelligence.

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 section has one Young Professionals Group. This group is quite active, and the new Chair works well in the role.

To better attract and support future members we are motivating the Chapters to arrange seminar/workshops where also non-members are invited, but possible charge them a participant fee.

To better support the student activities, we need incentives to motivate students to become IEEE student members, so that they can join in the competitions, talks/seminar, etc. We also think that the establishment of internships in the industry for students will make it more attractive to become student members.

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?

The re-instated Section ExCom (where the section board and the chairs of all chapters and affinity groups meet) has been partly a success. Still difficulties in assembling all the participants to the monthly/bi-monthly telcos.

The Section arranged a face-to-face ExCom workshop in June. In this workshop strategic measures to increase vitality was discussed. This includes actions to increase number of Senior Members, which are more likely to continue their memberships and contribute.

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?

Currently nothing planned, but open to suggestions of how to support IEEE in 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?

Expect increased visibility of IEEE in Europe.

Development and support of further membership benefits adapted to the needs of members in R8.

The office in Vienna has currently not influenced our section.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

None