

Portugal 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?

Since the last meeting we've signed the first Industry MoU in Portugal, with Bosch Portugal. This agreement provides Bosch with the opportunity to be present in all IEEE Portugal events (both Student and Chapter events). This provides an incredible technical and recruitment cooperation for both entities. We hope to create more of these partnerships in the future.

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?

Since the last meeting I've signed an agreement with CP - Comboios de Portugal (public Portuguese trains company) that provides a 15% discount to all IEEE members. We believe this kind of discounts help us recruit new 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?

We are also organizing the first Portuguese Chapter's Summit, a all-day event with all Chapter Chairs, to talk about common topics many times asked by these members: How to organized a conference with IEEE, What is the mandatory reporting, What funding opportunities are there, ...

Besides this, we continue with our regular activities, with Engineering Day (<https://engineeringday.ieee-pt.org>) and Leadership Camp happening in the following two weeks.

Finding available volunteers is becoming our main problem at this time. Keeping our current level of activities demands a high number of available volunteers.

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?

As stated in the last report we believe Portugal could play a major role for IEEE in Africa, due to our colonial past in the continent. I've manage to sum-up some ideas in the last report, if you can we can follow-up on them.

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?

No noticeable changes so far.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Chapter's Summit 2018 Engineering Day 2018 (<https://engineeringday.ieee-pt.org>) SYP 2018 (<http://syp.ieee-pt.org>) Leadership Camp 2018 - Leiria