

## Russia (Siberia) 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?**

- 1) Organizing exhibitions and special sections at conferences that are supported by our Section.
- 2) Inviting practicing engineers to our meetings for better understanding industrial needs.
- 3) What we need is recruiting new members in industrial enterprises.

**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 work well in recruiting new members in scientific institutes and universities. Members of IEEE have discounts at our conferences. Now we try initiate some projects for young professionals and students, mainly in IT and robotics. As a result, our section once again have received "Gold Award Recognition of achievements recruitment and retention goals for 2018" (letter from Elyn Perez, dated 25.09.2018) .

**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?**

As usual, we continue regular seminars and organize conferences. This year we have organized new student group in Ekaterinburg and are trying organize joint seminars for students from different cities of Siberia, but have difficulties with finding sponsors. Gathering members of our Section in one place require some significant amount of money, so we mainly contact by Skype.

**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 have similar problems in Africa and Siberia: a large area, poor infrastructure in sparsely populated regions, problems with telecommunications. Thus, we can exchange our experiences to mutual benefit.

**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?**

To be honest, we are too far from Vienna and do not feel any influence from the existence of this office ...

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Nothing new outstanding, just routine work.