

Slovenia 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?

Slovenia section maintains relations with local industry by inviting the representatives from industry to IEEE conferences and meeting with distinguished lecturers. The research oriented companies were invited to present their work in our annual conference ERK where they can meet with many researchers from our universities. The local student branch participated together with Croatia and Serbia student branches in the PLC+ challenge event supported by Siemens.

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 will continue to support future members with specific activities and challenges for students and young professionals. Each year we get excellent student papers on IEEE student competition at our local conference and we send best papers from both student branches to R8 SPC which is a good motivation for a students to begin with IEEE membership. Our section has a mature membersheep among long time 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?

Slovenia section has excellent retention rate and in 2018 received recognition from IEEE for meeting the retention goal. We sent representatives to SYP congress in Porto which provides excellent international experience to our young members. We will continue to support young members through specific local events offering the networking and lectures from recognized researchers in the field of electrical engineering and computer science.

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 recommend the IEEE to further support scientific events and conferences in Africa and provide grants for visiting distinguished lecturers. We are a small section with limited financial ability to join and support distant events. The IEEE could establish research contact and cooperation using advanced communication resources.

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?

The Vienna office should be used to promote IEEE activities in EU and provide local sections with contacts and legal support for their activities.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

We established new WIE affinity group.