

United Kingdom and Ireland 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 Section has an Industry Relations Officer, and since the last meeting we have organised a number of industry related partnerships with some of the notable brands, such as ARM Holding, Rose Royce etc. in which we invited the past IEEE President Karen Bartleson. We are continuing to forge more alliances with industry and seek ways in which we can be of assistance to them.

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 have Education Affairs Committee and Chair, and through the EAC, we organise free quality webinars for our members, and this has proven a huge success. The webinars run in series against most of the topical disciplines in thematic areas, for example Cyber security, Innovation and Project and Time management have been scheduled and organised. We also have the ongoing Young Entrepreneurship programme which are organised and led for student members and Young Professional (YP) by their respective Student Activities and YP Chairs.

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 continue to provide a number of member value propositions ranging from professional registration to charter status, which may allow us to award Charter-level recognitions to our members, like those offered by the IET and IMechE.

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?

Our Section Vice Chair has recently kick starting SIGHT and Humanitarian activities including HAC funding opportunity which will allow the Section to assist and foster 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?

We think that this new office can help us to foster industry relations, and to provide assistance around our professional registration. Although we are yet to approach Vienna, however, we are hoping to invite them to one of our online ExCom meetings this year.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

The unveiling of the IEEE History Milestone Plaque 'Evolution of Television from Baird to the Digital Age' on 26 January 2017 by the past IEEE President Karen Bartleson. Also, held another Milestone event on the 5th April 2018 for the Unveiling of an IEEE Milestone Plaque to celebrate historic achievements in electro-technology and to recognise the research of Walter Spear and Peter LeComber at the Dundee, Scotland, UK. We have 4 outstanding IEEE Milestone Events in the coming year or so.

The Section will host the IEEE Flagship conference, HISTELCON 2019 at the Strathclyde University, Glasgow, Scotland, UK on September 18-19, 2019.