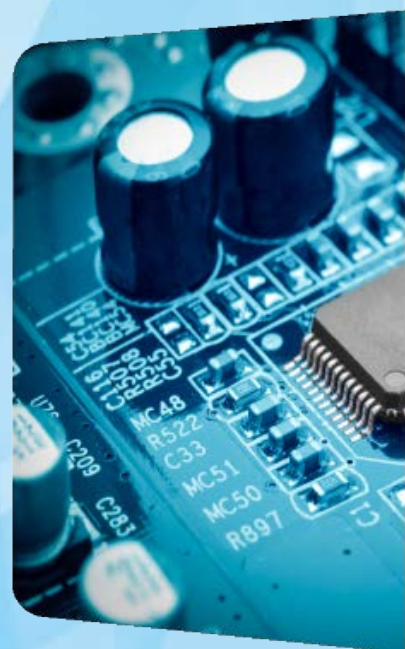
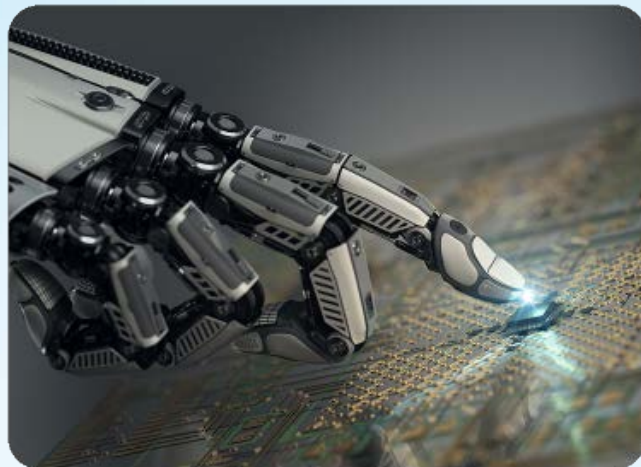




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Goals during 2015-2018:

- Students and Young Professionals
- Getting closer to Industry
- Section Vitality
- Focus on Africa

Looking ahead:

- Smooth transition from 2017-2018 OpCom to 2019 OpCom. Meeting in Munich on November 3,4, 2018.
- Students: Continue the good work!
 - Retention.
- YP:
 - Continue the good work!
 - YP affinity groups in each Section.
 - More than one YP AG in large Sections.
 - Improvement in YP retention.
 - Increase in benefits: career development opportunities: soft skills, technical lectures, training; networking.
- Industry:
 - Continue the good work: Industry Ambassadors network, workshops, mentorships, internships!
 - Industry members do not get enough from IEEE, from R8.
 - Increase and retain members: Make a plan and allocate funds.
- Section Vitality: nearly 100% success.
 - Points of concern: Elections.

Looking ahead:

- Africa:
 - Increase in members and Geographical OUs, with a focus on Western Africa (French and Portuguese speaking countries).
 - Support Africa Council operations.
- Membership:
 - Review the membership model.
 - Increase in Senior members: better retention. Recognition and awards.
 - Benefits: Focus on all areas: Academia, Industry, Students, YPs. Make a guide. Include insurances, discounts.
- Focus on technical activities as they relate to members:
 - Conferences: Improve technical content and networking opportunities in underserved places.
 - Chapters: Increase the number of DLs technical meetings.
- Improve communication among us, Region 8 Committee, and between Sections.
- Increase public visibility of IEEE in R8: *ad hoc* Committee.
- Review the Region 8 Committee structure.

How can you help?

- Continue your good work!
- Maintain active participation in Region 8 Committee meetings.
- Share your experience/ideas/goals with your Section ExCom and with the incoming Section Chair/ExCom.
- Ensure a smooth transition if it is the case.
- Send me your feedback, suggestions, ideas. Everything is welcome!
- Support the requests of R8 Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and OpCom.

Thanks to Vera and the Serbia & Montenegro Section for their hospitality!
Thank you for all your hard work!
We have an exciting year ahead of us!
See you soon!

