

Latvia 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?

- Collaboration with the largest professional associations; (e.g., Latvian Information Technology and Telecommunications Association, Association of Latvian Electrical Engineering and Electronics Enterprises)
- the collaboration agreement between IEEE Latvia Section COM/MTT/AP Joint Societies Chapter and Association of Latvian Electrical Engineering and Electronics Enterprises is signed in December 2018;
- organizing of Industry Tracks on Section supported conferences and events;
- technical and financial sponsorship of local IEEE events with invited industry speakers;
- organizing of industrial visits for pre- and university students.

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?

- Regular students visits to industrial and research institutions (e.g., contest for robots builders "Robotica", visits to Kegums power plant, Getlini landfill station);
- Organization or support of student competition programs, which provides IEEE student membership to awardees;
- Collaboration training for secondary schools in electrical engineering and computer applications, promoting IEEE membership;
- Organization of the scientific events (open for non-members) with publications, included in IEEEExplore and indexed in WoS and Scopus (higher level students are interested in) and regional practical and scientific events with neighboring countries with social programs; Baltic cooperation would be beneficial.

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?

- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings, planning Sections activities and special events, usually inviting students and guests;
- Increasing efforts from chapters and societies to encourage students and young professionals;
- Student competition programs, which provides IEEE student membership to awardees;
- Co-sponsorship of scientific and popular events, like AIEEE Workshop, RTUCON, RTUWO, summer schools, with special IEEE prizes;
- Organisation of meetings during big events in Riga, like IEEE PELS Young Professionals Meet-Up @ EPE'18 - ECCE Europe Tuesday, September 18, 8 PM - 10:00 PM Faculty of Architecture, Riga Technical University Campus (6 Kipsalas St.), Riga, Latvia;
- Application as future host for flagship IEEE R8 conferences, like EUROCON 2021;
- Direct mailing special events.

What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Council Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

Collecting the best working practices from different regions of Africa and development of the working tools for African Sections is a key to success -the ideas, that works in EU of northern Africa may not work in central or south Sections. Traveling grants for students and young professionals from African academia or industry to R8 organized conferences can increase interest in IEEE membership, the same with the invitation of speakers from Africa to our local events (free of charge or funded by R8). 2 project proposals are ready to be submitted for ERASMUS plus KA 2 call in cooperation with South Africa and Tunisian section

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?

Vienna Office can organize promoting IEEE in EU and provide legal support for R8 Sections, e.g. visas to EU for non-EU volunteers, visiting R8 organized events; helping in foundation of IEEE legal entities in EU countries. Still, the clear leadership in H2020 project promoting by Vienna Office is welcome.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

IEEE honorary chair L. Ribickis: organisation of IEEE PELS meeting, during EPE'18 - ECCE; Organisation of meetings during big events in Riga, for example IEEE PELS Young Professionals Meet-Up @ EPE'18 - ECCE Europe Tuesday, September 18, 8 PM - 10:00 PM Faculty of Architecture, Riga Technical University Campus (6 Kipsalas St.), Riga, Latvia Preparation of Erasmus plus KA 2 project proposal, lead by IEEE Latvia past chair Andrejs Romanovs in cooperation with South Africa Section and by IEEE chair Nadezhda Kunicina with Tunisia section.

Photos and figures



