

Lithuania Section

Dalius Navakauskas

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?

IEEE Lithuania Section is constantly intermediaries between local electronic, communication and IT industry and universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship.

Changes would be required by the Section:

- Seek to sign legal agreements with major domestic business associations;
- Actively campaign representatives of the industry to join the members of the IEEE.

Major successes:

- During the 19th joint IEEE Lithuania and Belarus Section meeting, organized on December 7, 2018, industry representatives presented their latest developments, exchanged views, seek joint solutions to problems and they were asked to renew their IEEE membership;
- The Section supported, financially and organizationally, a meeting called the "Green Meeting" between representatives of the Industry and students of final courses. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the motivation of graduate students to continue their studies in the master degree study.

In continuation to foster Industry Relations the Section intends to:

- Invite representatives of the industry (electronics, electrical engineering, communication and IT specialists) to participate in social activities, that are organized by the Section;
- Promote the participation of the industry in the exhibitions organized within the conferences and workshops, supported by the Section.

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?

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in the Section:

- Organization of the annual contest "Best Master Thesis";
- Co-sponsorship of annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers "Electronics and Electrical Engineering";
- Series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations.

Changes would be required by the Section to draw up a detailed list of the benefits of being a student member of IEEE. Major successes:

- IEEE Lithuania Young Professionals and Women in Engineering organized IEEE Day 2018 Workshop event on 11th of October;
- The 6th joint Workshop "AIEEE'2018" of IEEE Latvia and Lithuania Section was held;

In continuation to support Students and YP the Section intends to:

- Support the YP representatives who work actively in the competition commission "Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania" and advertise IEEE;
- Support the YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils;
- Prepare leaders to form IEEE Student Branch of Vilnius University;
- Support IEEE Student Branch of Kaunas University of Technology;
- Search sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

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?

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in the Section:

- The best volunteer of the year reward program;
- Regular face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events;
- Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops and congresses;
- Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as "IEEE Day", workshops, congresses and conferences.

Changes would be required by the Section to have more industry people in the board. Major successes:

- The election of the Section Chair and the Chair of the Lithuania Computer Chapter was organized in November-December 2018;
- Discussions were held with representatives of Kaunas University of Technology on increasing the activity of the University's Student Branch.

The Section must always take care of:

- Organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process;
- Constantly updating the Facebook page of the Section (<https://www.facebook.com/IEEE-Lithuania-Section-462539263947774>) and the website: <http://ieee.lt>.

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?

We encourage more active involvement of the competent representatives of Africa countries in the working Committees of the IEEE R8.

We plan to invite and appoint a reduced registration fee for IEEE members from Africa going to participate in conferences and workshops, supported by the 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?

In fact, the office in Vienna has been working for a relatively short time and our Section did not need to contact the office to solve any problems or seek support during this time. It can be noted, however, that all Sections of R8 are very promptly informed about the initiatives of the IEEE European Public Policy Committee.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Outstanding new initiatives:

- the Section ExCom decided to support the organization of the International Conference MIKON 2020 in Vilnius and gained support from the Academy of Sciences of Lithuania;
- the Section has supported the initiative of the YP and Student Branch of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University to establish a photo exhibition at the Faculty of Electronics.