

Malta 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?

In our section we are supporting existing events where several professional meet by participating actively and organizing the events ourselves as a section or chapter. In 2018 we have supported the digital health ecosystem and ERP debate by industry. We plan other events involve the computer society and WiE.

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?

Most of the activities we organise are related to Industry, Education and Science (STEM). We also participate in strategic groups sessions designing for tomorrow (for both ICT and Engineering). While doing so we notice that more people become aware of IEEE and want to join. Every time we meet new people we speak of the advantages of being part of IEEE. We feel the best way to retain and attract people is to be part of new forums that are interested in our subjects. They might not be engineers or ICT professionals.

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?

Our major success was setting a computer society chapter. The support we are finding will help us achieve more. The activities we organise are targeted to a specific audience allowing us to attract and retain our members. We also have new active members who are willing to be part of our section and affinity groups and committees. This was only possible due to the fact that we are managing our section effectively and succeeding in obtain support. Our events are liked and more and more people are joining each time.

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 are focused on attracting more active members to allow us to share resources with IEEE in Africa. As suggested several times in past reports, lets map two section one from Africa and one from the rest of our region to help and support both sides.

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?

I have support when I asked and she was very helpful. Thanks

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

We are celebrating 10years of Robot wars. The section this year is working hard to setup an arena and organize a great event once it will be rebuilt.