

## Turkey 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, the Industry Relations Coordinator acts as a liaison between industry and the Section. The responsibilities of the Coordinator include leading fundraising activities for the Section, helping the Membership Development Coordinator increase the number of IEEE members from industry and supporting the Professional Development and Educational Activities Coordinator identify speakers/instructors from the industry. This coordinator position has been instrumental to foster industry relations. It has been particularly useful to secure some sponsorship from the industry for locally organized IEEE conferences. For example, we will organize COMSOC's prestigious PIMRC conference in September 2019 at Istanbul. Turkey's largest cellular operator Turkcell became the major financial supporter of this event.

**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?**

In our Section, the Student Activities Coordinator acts as an interface between the executive committee and student branches. This coordinator provides guidance to student branches, attends student branch meetings/congresses, and other related activities. In August 2018, we organized the second edition of Annual Senior Thesis Project competition open to IEEE Student Members. In collaboration with some industrial sponsors, we offered several prizes for the winners. Such activities aim to keep the student members engaged in our activities.

**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 Section considers the Young Professionals Affinity Group as a key to continue the commitments of IEEE student volunteers after their graduation. In collaboration with YP, we recently launched Mentor - Mentee program where students are brought together with volunteer engineers for guidance and mentorships on topics of mutual interest. IEEE Turkey Executive Committee encourages all Technical Chapter Chairs to increase their activity level by organizing short courses/seminars, workshops and conferences in their expertise areas. We further provide administrative and technical support in their activities if required.

**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?**

As Turkey Section, we will be happy to support IEEE Activities in Africa. For example, we could arrange speakers for their locally organized events.

**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?**

Local presence of IEEE within Europe would be particularly useful in membership recruitment. For example, the delivery of promotional material from IEEE HQ takes several weeks. Such material can be directly shipped from Europe office. The office can also organize workshops on effective membership recruitment.

**Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.**

We have launched an award program aiming to recognize the achievements of our members.