

Zambia 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?

The activities that work well in my Section to foster Industry Relations is through Student Industrial Attachments and careers talk. To improve the industry relations, our Section needs to continue on the membership recruitment exercise with the industry and academia in order to bring the benefits arising from IEEE.

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?

As a Section, we have formed a Student Branch at the University of Zambia and we intend to open another Student Branch at the Copperbelt University. We have also formed a PES Chapter and we are in the process of registering the Comsoc Chapter also. We have supported the Students and Young Professionals through various activities such as holding weekly meetings and the Congress held in Porto, Portugal from 25th to 29th July 2018. Further the students branch at University of Zambia participated in the Extreme Programming Competition that was held in 2018. The section has identified some secondary schools whose teachers will participate in the TISP activities of 2019.

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?

Membership recruitment exercise should continue in the Zambia Section and improve on networking among the members. IEEE should guide the Section in opening up a local account to allow members pay their membership fees in local currency. This has been outstanding for a long 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?

The Section supported the formation of the IEEE Africa Council and was in attendance during the meeting held in Tunisia on 29th June 2018. This development should set up an agenda for opening up of more Sections in Africa by involving potential members from other countries. IEEE Zambia Section is ready to support any sub-section in the region.

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?

So far we have not seen much activity. However, we hope that the office will enhance the support of IEEE services and collaboration in all areas as it is located in the same time zone or close by.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Growth in membership, formation of a Student Branch and PES Chapter. The formation of the students' COMSO Chapter is underway. The section will this year organise the TISP.