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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?

We have signed the AfI MoU with NXP Semiconductors and fulfilled some of the plans with the company such as internships and lectures. Currently we are on track with promoting this activity to other companies. The aim is to engage with more industry partners and improve the industry involvement in IEEE activities.

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?

Our section is organizing more than 50 events annually, including technical conferences, workshops, student competitions and other activities, which attract new members and engage current members. Last year, we gained more new members. This gain has to be secured via understanding to the motivation to stay with IEEE.

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?

The section vitality is on a good level, however, more local volunteer orientation events would be needed to encourage and attract more volunteers. However, such events are not aligned with motivation of commercial sponsors, therefore, sections have to cover the costs. Support from Region 8 or MGA would be highly appreciated.

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?

IEEE Czechoslovakia Section has not enough volunteers to support IEEE in Africa directly. On demand support can be provided. Requests for help or support should be coordinated by IEEE Africa Initiative.

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?

We don't expect any direct support from Vienna office, however it might help with some Europe-oriented promotion materials or provide conference room for discussions with industry partners.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Our section has achieved the Gold medal for outstanding section membership retention and recruitment in 2018.