

## **Bulgaria Section**

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**List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help your Section in your industry-related activities?**

We continue our efforts to improve our relations with the Industry. This year our focus is on co-hosting conferences under the auspices of the IEEE. An example of this is the recently (two weeks ago) held Metrology and Metrology Assurance Conference (<http://www.metrology-bg.org>) in which some of the largest companies in Bulgaria participated as financial co-sponsors. These joint events enable us to meet with participants from the industry and seek new opportunities for collaboration. The next planned event is the Telecom Conference. This year we resign contracts with 4 professional Unions in Bulgaria. These organizations are working in close relationship with Industry.

**List the activities addressed to Students and/or Young Professionals and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your students and YP-related activities?**

Our Young Professionals Activity Group was not so active last year and we are thinking how to motivate them and organize more very successful and attractive events. This year we organized election and new leaders were elected. We are trying to stop the negative trend and restore the activity of the group from previous years.

**List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your membership-related activities?**

In 2019 year the number of IEEE members in Bulgaria is slightly increased - 255 members (June 2019). This trend is good one and we will recruit new members for the 2020 using several new initiative. One of them is discount for participation of IEEE members in Conferences with support of IEEE. This is especially attractive for recruitment of new members from Academy.

**List the activities intended to support chapters, affinity groups, and student branches and the results obtained. List the related initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your support to chapters, affinity groups, and student branches?**

Each chapter has a list of activities, planned for this year. On the Section level we signed several amendments with several of Professional Unions in Bulgaria. These Amendments were confirmed by President of IEEE. They contain lists of joint events for 2019 year, that will be organized in Bulgaria.