

Czechoslovakia 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 are trying to get closer to industry through the following techniques: Realized:

- Industry tours organized together with Student Branches
- Participation of industry in students conferences and workshops
- Action for Industry internships at NXP
- Action for Industry activities promotions at job fairs and during meetings with industry representatives

Planned:

- Participation of invited industry speakers in IEEE Day workshops
- Follow-up meetings with industry representatives (new MoU for AfI)
- Sponsorship and active involvement of the industry at conferences organized locally (more industry engagement)
- Action for Industry activities and internships promotion (AfI visibility and internships delivered)

IEEE Region 8 helps sufficiently, together with IEEE YP grants. However, one-time or once-per-year activities have only limited impact, and sustainable series of events are not supported by IEEE.

IEEE Corporate Partnership could be one of the future models which would help sections to engage with corporates at the national level. However, the CPP is not very successful and needs to be driven more by volunteers and potential industry partners rather than IEEE staff.

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?

Jordan Section has witnessed large increases in its membership. The section now is a large section with more than 1,500 members. We attract and support future members through the following techniques:

Realized:

- Student and YP conferences organized by student branches)
- Professional competitions for high school and university students
- Student workshops and invited professional lectures
- Financial support of meetings rooms/labs of student branches

Planned:

- Workshops within IEEE Day (student and YP meetings with industrial partners and professional lectures)
- Industry tours and students meeting with industry professionals
- Best Paper Awards presented at the conference of PhD students

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?

Realized:

- Technical sponsorship of professional conferences (section visibility at local events)
- Free membership for winners of student competitions

Planned:

- Section Annual Meeting organized not only as a meeting but also as a professional event (lab tours, expert lectures, joint reception, etc.)

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.

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?

Realized:

- Periodic ExCom meetings with local chapters or student branches chairs
- Financial support of meetings rooms/labs of student branches

Planned:

- Follow-up meetings with industry representatives (new partners for chapters financial and also professional support)
- Annual Meeting of Czechoslovakia Section (two-day meeting of IEEE volunteers and members)
- Launch of the new section and YP websites
- ExCom meetings with student branches

Section vitality is at a reasonable level. However, more local volunteers would be needed in all levels: from events organization to section management. Professional and also, social events are not aligned with the motivation of commercial sponsors. Therefore, sections have to cover the costs. Support from Region 8 or MGA would be highly appreciated.