

Portugal 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?

- New Industry MoU with Critical Manufacturing (a multi-national, Portuguese based, Software Development Company)
- Planned IEEEExtreme event occurring in a local industry (exact one to be defined until the end of September)

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?

UP Student Branch, with Section Support, organized a IEEE WIE Leadership Summit (July 2019), with the presence of both IEEE President-Elect candidates and Region 8 Director (among others). During this event we had also a YP Meetup.

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?

We organized a full-day of activities on Instituto Politécnico do Cávado e do Ave (IPCA) and Universidade do Algarve (UAAlg) both institutions without a student branch yet) to share information and knowledge regarding IEEE to Students and Professors. With scheduled presentations organized by the institutions, we had the opportunity to talk, face to face, with more than 100 students each. IPCA has already finished the process of creating the SB, and we expect UAAlg to follow soon.

We face a ever-more pressing issue regarding the value-added of full membership to Portugal Section members. We are facing a decrease in full members due to unperceived value from members from the benefits of being an IEEE member. Conference discounts, that was previously seen as one of the major benefits, is currently losing value.

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?

Organization of the 2nd edition of Chapter's Summit. With the aim of sharing information between Section and Chapters. During this summit, we had the following sessions:

- Section in Numbers (review of statistics regarding membership)
- How to create and foster Student Chapters (given by EMBS Chapter, currently the chapter with most student activities)
- Conferences (review of the conference submission process, including differences between TCS and FTCS)
- Elections (current status of elected officers and need for elections)
- Preparing an Activity (workshop on how to create a cross-chapter activity, to be organized during 2020)