

Romania 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?

- The events in which the Romania Section involves the industry are mainly the conferences. For instance, the following conference is organized by ICPE, a private technology company, i.e. 2019 Electrical Vehicles International Conference & Show. There are also other conferences in which the companies are partners.
- The Romania Section requires a minimum number of IEEE members from the organizing entity, including from industry.
- However, the largest number of IEEE members come from academia.

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?

Two major student activities were held for students with the support from IEEE Romania Section:

- The 2nd Summer School of Antennas, Propagation, and RFID Applications was organized by the Romanian IEEE AP-S/RFID Jt Chapter, at University Politehnica of Timisoara on August 28 and 29, 2019.
- The "Tudor Tanasescu" national contest in theoretical electronics in was held between 28-30 March at University Politehnica of Bucharest.
- The student scientific workshops are organized every year in all technical universities. The Section is involved in this action within the main universities (from Bucharest, Iasi, Timisoara, and Cluj-Napoca), and supports this action by providing diplomas to the best paper.

A workshop was organized at University Politehnica of Timisoara titled "The Open Education and the Impact of Digitalization" (<https://www.openeducationweek.org>) addressed both to students and teachers. The Romania Section provides guidance to the local volunteers from Technical University "Gh. Asachi" of Iasi and to the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca for form Student Branches.

In 2019, 19 conferences have been organized in Romania under IEEE. We try to provide significant incentives for students. Also, the policy to retain the student members is member-to-member relationship.

For students there is always an issue of the money. There are many professional associations with free membership and attendance for students. The access to IEEEExplore is free via the universities. So, we face a problem in persuading the students to pay the membership fee. The Romania Section pays the membership for a few students every year. However, region 8 should open the discussions at the IEEE level asking to provide more support to students.

The YP group is organizing every year the IEEE Day.

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?

- The IEEE Romania Section was awarded a gold medal for membership retention at the end of year 2018. The membership in Romania remained to a constant level. However, we are focusing especially on student retention;
- The IEEE Romania Section encourages and supports the members to apply for elevation to IEEE Senior Member;
- We are in progress of creating a new webpage in the hope that we can get more closer to the IEEE members and to the potential members;
- The Section's policy is to organize elections at the chapter levels so that more and more members are involved in the IEEE activities;
- Fidelity pins are given to all members, and certificates are presented to the active 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?

- We organize training meeting with the new volunteers. The Section has organized elections for several chapters in the last two years.
- The Section engages the Student Branches in educational and student-related activities. The students are actively involved in organizing various activities.
- Region 8 can help us with more ideas.