

## Slovenia 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?**

IEEE members from academia maintain close cooperation with industry by cooperation on applied industrial projects, organizing technical events and educational excursions. Part of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering's premises are organized as a small technology park, where startups and established industry partners rent space for their companies. We invited researchers from the industry to our annual conference and expect to establish new connections with the local industry. In the same time we will promote IEEE activities to the research groups from the 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?**

Students and young professionals are actively involved in scientific as well as industry related projects. They can present and publish their work in our yearly ERK conference as well as join IEEE student paper competitions. There are also a lot of (typically over 20 events/year) other activities available to students in a form of hackatons, competitions sponsored from our industry partners, etc. This kind of activities can positively attract the young professionals to the electrotechnical field and the IEEE.

We plan to promote IEEE among the students in the IEEE day events in University of Ljubljana and University of Maribor, where we have active student branches. We plan to investigate which communication channels are most usable to invite students and young professionals to technical events of our local chapters and expect that more young IEEE members will be attending these events.

**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 are especially proud of our loyal members which has also been appreciated by the IEEE by the "2018 Outstanding Section Membership Recruitment and Retention Performance" award. This indicates high membership retainment rate and thus also value in the organization for our members. The section will continue to support the membership meetings and technical events that attract many IEEE members. Screen reader support enabled.

**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?**

The IEEE Slovenia section and its members are actively cooperating with other professional and technical societies and institutions. We are closely connected to the Electrotechnical Association of Slovenia where we share common technical field interests. This year we established a new joint chapter Industrial Electronics and Industrial Applications. We are currently in the process of establishing new local CIS and GRSS chapter to support our members from the corresponding technical fields.