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IEEE Conferences with Industry Track.

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?

- Awards for most active Student Branches.
- More awareness to be responsible for your own successor (it is always a challenge if very active student branch chairs gratuate and are "suddenly" no longer available).
- Focus on re-activating student branch, which are currently without active chair.

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?

- Quartely newsletter announcing all the many meetings and conferences and award –¿ make members feel part of the IEEE community of the Section.
- Continue focus on upgrading members to Senior Members (higher retention).

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 had a large 40-years IEEE Austria Section celebration in 2019.
- Regular officer meetings with open discussion.
- Newsletter and e-notice as communication channels to the members.

Challenges (with a focus on what support is required from Region 8)

Our biggest challenge recently was to replace the Section Chair during his office period as he retired suddenly. This is now solved and we are looking forward to the next election.