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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 Lithuania Section constantly intermediaries between local electronic, communication and IT industry and universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organizing of internship. In continuation to foster Industry Relations the Section intends to:

- Organize together with the IEEE Belarus Section 21h workshop "Microwave Devices and Systems" that is in essence based on the participants from the industry.
- Continue to organize member visits to innovative and developing companies of Lithuania.
- Continue to invite representatives of the industry (electronics, electrical engineering, communication and IT specialists) to participate in social activities that are organized by the Section;
- Continue to promote the participation of the industry in the exhibitions organized within the conferences and workshops, supported by the Section.

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?

IEEE Lithuania Section ExCom includes chairpersons from student sections, YP and WIE affinity groups. Thus all activities in the Section are well announced, commonly organized and usually involve all levels of members and representatives from affinity groups. The Section strives to help and support all activities that students, YP and WIE members are organizing. Through "The best volunteer of the year" reward program students, YP or WIE leaders regularly wins awards and their work is recognized. Lately carried events in the Section:

- Co-organized and co-sponsored the 7th IEEE Lithuania and Latvia Sections Workshop "Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering" that primarily enrolls IEEE students and Young Professionals;
- Co-sponsored the Opening ceremony of Electronics' photography exhibition that was organized by IEEE YP and WIE Affinity Groups.

The Section intends to:

- Support annual contest and award ceremony "The Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania" during which Your Excellency President of the Republic of Lithuania will hand out all awards;
- Co-sponsor annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers "Electronics and Electrical Engineering";
- Continue to support YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils;
- Continue the search of sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

## 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?

IEEE Lithuania Section has met its retention goal for 2019 membership year and was awarded by Silver Award. During previous co-sponsored International conference "Electrical, Electronic and Information Sciences" newly arranged booth "Call for IEEE student membership applications" attracted new members thus this initiative will be continued this year. About 17% of the Section members were identified as possible candidates to become Senior Members. Thus a workshop event to promote senior membership is scheduled for this spring.

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?

IEEE Lithuania Section supports all its organizational units in all their initiatives and seeks for events sustainability and professionalism. In majority of cases the Section opts to co-sponsor these events financially, also initiates and grants awards. The Section regularly carries face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events. The Section intends to:

- Host the International Conference MIKON 2020 thus involving all its organizational units in the preparation and execution
  of the event;
- Continue "The best volunteer of the year" reward program and soon grant reward for the year 2019 nominee;
- Continue to organize series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations;
- Keep inviting distinguished lecturers and co-operate on this matter with its neighbors: Latvia, Estonia, Belarus and Poland Sections

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

One of the upcoming challenges is to attract more young professionals from industry.



