

Malta 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?

During the past Months we focused on working closely the Computer Society Chapter to collaborate and organise events that are relevant to our community. We focused on topics which attract members to attend with the aim to create a network and most importantly to ensure that more professionals join IEEE. Events take time and funds to organise. We therefore ensured to get resources from different sources. This allows us not only to cover costs but also to ensure people attend because they become part of the event. Guests and talks play an important part of networking events. If an event works out normally the ones that follow are well attended. We allocated enough time after the event to network and get to know the attendees more. During that time we try to create links and learn about their interests while sharing some advantages members have once they join.

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?

This year we have a new team of Students that are ready to work hard to organise events. We believe that new student branch members need our support but the events are organised by them. We hope to organise Robot wars and invite sections from R8 to attend. There is a lot of potential but a balance needs to be found between their studies and the events they organise.

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 organise over 10 events this year in collaboration with affinity groups and CS chapter. Each event was meant to share knowledge and also create a network where interesting people meet up and find IEEE community a place worth being. All events were well attended. We manage to reach different age groups and identified various members that can contribute to our events. We aim to increase our presence within industry by organizing short talks on various topics. These events do not need to be big but well organised.

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 have various events planned. We hope to repeat last year's success and collaborate more with Faculty of ICT and Faculty of Engineering at UM. Three special events will be organized this year which include Robot wars, Award and recognition night (we have missed two years so it's worth organizing it) and recruitment week. Elections are happening this year and we need to ensure our committees will have active members that are on board early enough to become effective in the committees.

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

We are a small country with limited resources. We would like to have more support to take advantage of a number of things such as the recognition initiatives and funding process.