

Mauritius 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?

In the last few months, the Mauritius Section's focus was on reviving and creating students branches in various tertiary institutions' campuses.

As from March 2020, we will nominate an industry coordinator together with a sub-committee who will have the responsibility to develop relationships with the industry.

We will appreciate help from R8 if the latter could delegate the best industry coordinator within the region to train and form the Mauritius 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?

- 1) Met and agreed with directors of 4 universities in Mauritius to establish students branches in their campuses.
- 2) Chair of region 8 SAC met with students in December 2019.
- 3) Students branches have planned activities for 2020: Inter-university hackathon competition, Technical workshops, visiting various companies.
- 4) Twinning students branches between mauritius and other countries' Stbs will be done in 2020 to encourage cross-countries interchange.
- 5) Participation in May2020's activities by University of Technology, Mauritius to mark the institution's 20th anniversary.

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?

- 1) Co-organised international conference in Sept 2019 in which members participated.
- 2) Organised workshops for students to join IEEE and they will compete in Region8's upcoming awards, competitions and programs.
- 3) Increased membership from 85 to 108.
- 4) Helped elevate a new senior member.
- 5) R8 can help co-organise workshops or even co-sponsor distinguished lecturers.

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?

- 1) Raised petition to create new IEEE Computer Society chapter
- 2) Student branches will be provided fundings for their planned activities.]
- 3) Our section's students officer is actively involved in guiding the student branches.
- 4) Initiated discussions with UK Section's chair regarding a particular Humanitarian activity which Mauritius can participate in as joint-project.
- 5) Co-organising an international conference in Nov2020 with University of Mauritius for the benefit of all our members.
- 6) Elections will be planned for December 2020.
- 7) Officers are more engaged ever since the Section was elevated in June2019.
- 8) Region8 can delegate a few officers to come meet Mauritius section officers and its members.

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

Discussions with government to involve IEEE in national projects and standardisation requires high-level representatives from IEEE R8 to come and meet the various ministries viz ICT, Education, Infrastructure.