

## 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?**

We regularly invite distinguished researchers from the local industry to attend IEEE events. Speakers from Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies SPACE-SI and a communication company Iskratel were invited to our annual conference ERK. The Young Professionals organized events inviting people from the industry and Student Branch Ljubljana is participating in PLC+ Challenge sponsored by Siemens. The YP team plan to enforce industry related events.

**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?**

The IEEE Day is the entry point for our students to get the first contact with IEEE Section and local SB volunteers. We combined the IEEE presentation with a technical event, where one of our chapter chairs presented his research activities and the role of IEEE in his work. The Section supports the SB and YP volunteers technically and financially, we recognize their work and encourage them to organize events. We are constantly seeking new student and active YP members to join the team. The Region helps the SB and YP by organizing SBC events, SPC competition and producing opportunities for the young members to show their capabilities.

**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?**

Our members renew the IEEE membership due to the benefits of the membership for their professional and social activities. Each year we have two annual events gathering many IEEE members: a spring assembly and autumn congress. The Section is looking closely to chapter activities, the Slovenia Section volunteers regularly join their technical events, help them and promote IEEE. The result was also recognized by IEEE and in 2019 we received again a recognition of outstanding section membership recruitment performance.

**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?**

Slovenia Section is relatively small with most of the active volunteers from two universities: University of Ljubljana and University of Maribor. There is a group of volunteers from each university which is ready to support a chapter executing an event and running various Section activities. Active volunteers are doing a great job and usually continue their work at IEEE even at the end of their term. The Section specifically supports events of the young members and is constantly searching for the new potential members and volunteers. Last year the Slovenia Section established 3 new chapters: an IE/IA joint chapter, CIS and GRSS. We expect that this will promote the IEEE activities among and beyond our members. We actively support events of our SB, YP, WiE and LM affinity groups.

We held Section leaders elections (chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer) in December 2019 after the first two-year term. 19% of members attended elections and voted for the same leaders for their second two-year term. This is a commitment to the leaders to continue their job and also to use this term to find excellent successors.

We have close contacts with neighbour sections, we plan organizing foreign visits of the SB, YP and technical chapters. An expected outcome of the young members activities is a recognition of the IEEE among young engineers and closer relations to the industry.

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

- 1) constantly supporting requirements of local chapters
- 2) finding activities which will attract young members competing with other organizations
- 3) attracting active members from the industry