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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 last year, our Section has made an effort to reach the local industry by organising joint event, such as an IEEE Distinguished Lecture in cooperation with local union organisation. The section is committed to continue this effort, in the upcoming board meeting a new Industry Ambassador will be nominated. More joint event and cooperation with local union representatives will be organised.

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?

Unfortunately, the activity has been low in the past semester. A new Student representative has recently been elected. The plan is to revitalise the student branch with more events, such as hackathon days. The establishment of a new student branch will be supported in the Oslo area and/or in the southern part of Norway.

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?

Joint activities with the local union representatives have been carried out with the aim of increase members. In the next months, we are planning a joint conference with the Norwegian Artificial Intelligence Society (NAIS). A joint seminar in the summer time will be organised with the local union associations.

List the activities intended to support chapters, affinity groups, student branches, technical activities; humanitarian activities; elections and officers' renewal 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?

In the previous semester, the activity has been low and several chapters were inactive. We have a few chapters that now have newly elected boards. In the next months we are planning to support the activities of chapters by promoting joint events e co-sponsorship with the local universities. We are considering humanitarian activities in response to the current covid-19 outbreak.

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

During the last board election there was a very low participation. In general, we are struggling to keep members involved and active.