

Cyprus 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?

The IEEE Cyprus Section supports the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative IEEE Region 8 in order to rejuvenate IEEE's involvement with the industry and develop strong working partnerships between IEEE and industry. The IEEE Cyprus Section during the last 6 months continued to implement the MOU agreements for internship programs with 11 companies from the telecom, energy and computer sectors and has 31 internships for our student and YP members were successfully completed. The IEEE Cyprus Section is planning to organize a virtual booth exhibition (provided that COVID19 has affected the live events) from established and start-up companies, along with a social event, for all our members.

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 Cyprus Section will continue sponsoring events, activities, competitions and seminars, related to new technologies and other issues that are for the interest of the students, organized by the student branches in cooperation with their universities. The implementation of internship and mentoring programs through the Action for Industry Initiative will provide value to students and young professionals. Through the internships they will be able to acquire working experience and opportunities for future employment. The seminars organized frequently by the University of Cyprus Student Branch are especially successful for student recruitment.

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?

Two events were carried out provided that COVID19 has solidly affected the organization of such events. The Section supports financially the chapters and student branches in organizing technical activities for our members. We stress that during those activities special attention should be given to recruitment.

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?

Vitality is one of the top priorities for the IEEE Cyprus Section. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

- Continue updating our website <http://ieeer8.org>
- Keep metrics related to membership development and contact the deactivated members or dormant ones and ask them to renew.
- Motivate members to apply for Senior Membership.
- Further enhance the collaboration between SBs.
- Organize seminars and workshops for our members.
- Teacher In-Service Program (TISP) : organize workshops in high schools
- Continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.
- Encourage the chapters that are not so active to organize more activities : a Chapters Coordinator has been appointed.

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

To attract more members and retain the existing ones. Additionally to smooth-out the effects of COVID19 to existing members and create synergies with other groups to attract more professionals and increase the memberships. finally to strengthen the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.