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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?

Realized activities:

- Action for Industry internships at NXP
- Participation of industrial companies in students conferences and workshops
- ndustry tours organized together with Student Branches (the last tour was organized in 2019, due to the current epidemiological situation, these activities would not be organised)

Planned activities:

- Action for Industry activities and internships promotion (AfI visibility and internships delivered)
- Sponsorship and active involvement of the industry at conferences organized locally (more industry engagement) activities and internships promotion (AfI visibility and internships delivered)

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?

All activities addressed to students was strongly reduced due to the current epidemiological situation.

Realized:

- Student and YP conferences organized by student branches (2019)
- Professional competitions for high school and university students
- Student workshops and invited professional lectures
- Industry tours and students meeting with industry professionals (2019)

Planned activities:

• Best Paper Awards presented at the conference of PhD students

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 section is organizing more than 50 events annually, including technical conferences, workshops, student competitions and other activities, which attract new members and engage current members.

Realized activities:

- Online Section Annual Meeting 2020
- Free membership for winners of student competitions
- Technical sponsorship of professional conferences (section visibility at local events)

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?

Realized activities:

- Online ExCom meetings with local chapters or student branches chairs
- Financial support of meetings rooms/labs of student branches

Planned activities:

- Launch of the new section and YP websites (2021)
- Online Section Annual Meeting 2020

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

Activities related to students are essential for our section. However, university students who are indispensable in the Student Branches have not been at the university since March of this year, and all courses are online. With this in mind, we would welcome support in the way of "micro-grants" to support the organisation of virtual events.

An impressive form of IEEE support for members activities would be a platform for organising webinars (ClickMeeting Enterprise, etc.) or online conferences (Zoom Enterprise, Etc.).