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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 past months, due to COVID-19, the Section was struggled to organize events for getting closer to industry. Fortunately, the Vice Chair of the Section is from the Danish industry, who has been striving to connect the local industry with the section. In the next months, we will try to establish the connection and make more activities with the industry. We would like to see - what benefits the Section can bring to the industry. Probably, the Region can give some advice and share the best practices. In addition, the Chair of the Industry Relations Coordinator in the Section, who is also from the Danish Industry, has made a plan as virtual events in the coming months for continuing the engagement of industry.

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?

Since the establishment of the IEEE Denmark Section Young Professionals (YP) and Women in Engineering (WiE) Affinity Groups, there have been many activities for students and young professionals, despite COVID-19. In those past months, the IEEE Denmark Section YP AG has organized more than 10 events, as webinars/workshops online. The IEEE Denmark Section WiE AG has planned a physical event in May, which was cancelled due to the restrictions. However, the WiE AG has further discussed the organization of virtual events in November and December. A WiE webinar has been confirmed. The two students branches in the IEEE Denmark Section have been a bit idle during the lockdown period, and now, are gradually resuming the activities, e.g., making newsletters, organizing online events, etc. The Section as usual will continue support students and young professionals, keep the student branches active, and co-organize events with YP and WiE AGs, in order to attract more students and young professionals.

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?

The Section has now 920 members until today. Compared to the case during last reporting, where there were 1012 members, the section had a drop of around 10% in members. This is reasonable and expected, as due to the COVID impact, many activities were not held. However, we did see an increase in women members in the Section (from 17.5% to 18.5%). This is due to 1) the overall drop of memberships, 2) the promotion of IEEE WiE AG, and 3) the inclusion of female officers in the Section. By the next reporting cycle, we would expect slightly increase of members, as well as female members, along with the organization of various online events. In addition, the section offers are well balanced between industrial and academic members, which is another aspect benefiting the membership development of the entire section.

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?

Because of the COVID-19 impact, the Section has been a bit idle during the past months. It did help the IEEE Denmark Section YP and WiE AGs and support their activities. This will be continuingly going on in the next months. The Section will also focus on organizing virtual events to attract different groups of people, and two distinguished lectures have been planned in November and December. The section will also keep supporting the student branches.

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

It would be good for Region 8 to share the best practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Section has been facing many challenges in this period.