

Finland 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 signed the MOU between our IEEE Section and the Finnish Society of Automation - one of the largest industrial and academic professional societies in Finland. Several joint events are planned together with this society in 2020. Additionally, we are supporting IEEE IES&PES Finnish Chapter Meeting at Siemens, Virtual Event, on November 16-18, 2020. We also have a number of industrial visits for our members, that are in the pipeline.

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?

Our members participated in the organization of Finnish young professionals virtual SYP Congress (<https://www.r8syp.com/virtual-syp>). We were planning a number of university events for our student members, but they are delayed for the moment due to the remote way of operation at the Universities. Finally, our traditional IEEE Finland best conference and journal paper award 2020 is ongoing.

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?

Due to the current conditions, we had to delay or cancel our face2face events. Thus, we focused more on the online resources, and released a refreshed version of our section web-pages.

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?

We keep in touch with our chapters in the section, in particular it is one of the responsibilities of the section's vice-chair. We also have newly nominated member development officer. Additionally, we use the time to develop the skills of our offices, for example our secretary participates in IEEE VOLT program (volunteer leadership training program).

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

Even though our plans for this year had to be changes, we are still optimistic about the plans for the next year with the hope the epidemic sit