

France 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?

A meeting was held with industry representatives and students in "Rencontres de l'Industrie 4.0" organized by Serge Dos Santos (INSA School of Engineering) in Blois, France, in September. SEE and IEEE will organize a joint event within the "Semaine de l'Industrie" national week (promoting technical jobs in the industry) in 2021.

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 Section supported the application of the ISAE-SUPAERO Student Branch for the Best Student Branch Award. All Student Branch Counselors have been contacted in order to reactivate the least active ones. A new Chair for the YP Affinity Group has to be elected in 2021 (Vladimir Paun will resign).

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?

A lecture was given on IEEE in the "Nikola Tesla: Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development" virtual event organized in Ecole Polytechnique, France, in June. The IEEE will also participate in the "Journée Ampère 2020" memorial event co-sponsored by SEE in Paris, France, in November. With a diversified audience including researchers, industry professionals and students, those events represent a significant opportunity to recruit new members.

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?

The Section organized the Brillouin IEEE-SEE Joint Award. The IEEE-SEE joint MoU is being reworked in order to make that award non-monetary.

Moreover, the Section is working through the organization of a new Milestone dedicated to Langevin, following the Section's contribution to the Ampère Milestone in 2020.

All Chapter Chairs have been contacted in order to ensure that all of them remain active and structured. As a result, new elections will be organized for the EMC and RA Chapters, which are currently in a restructuring process.

Two events were organized on behalf of the LM Affinity Group.

The cooperation with SEE is being worked out through the renewal of the joint MoU (the current one ending in December 2020).

The role of the Section with respect to conference organization has been clarified with MCE.

France Section Bylaws and Constitution are being reexamined for compliance, and will be updated.

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

The most difficult challenge lies in the steep decrease in memberships, in which the sanitary context may play an important role (students were less eager to participate during the lockdown, with most of their time dedicated to remote education). Moreover, interactions between students and teaching staffs were less frequent and much more impersonal. That situation reduced the time that could be spent by all of them for IEEE. The first recommendation of the Sections Congress 2020 (multiple-year subscriptions with rebates) may help to solve that issue. The third recommendation may also widen the subscription pool towards industry.