

Israel 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?

IEEE COMCAS 2019 held in 4-6 Nov. 2019 in Tel Aviv was most successful, with over 1900 attendees, most of them from the Industry and large Industry exhibition (100 booths). We had 216 presentations and 72 top level invited speakers. In January 2020 we organized IEEE SA workshops, with many Industry presentations and attendees. We also organized the Bio Medical Engineering Conference in Haifa in 2.2020, Antennas Symposium in TAU (Tel Aviv) in 3.2020, EMC virtual Conference in 10.2020, and more. All were successful and very well attended. In the coming 6 months we will have EPS (Electronic Packaging and Thermal Management) virtual workshops (with Industry presentations) and we plan other technical meetings afterwards. all with Academia and Industry speakers and participants. R8 can help with advertising our international conferences and with top level speakers.

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 IEEE YP and Students affiliated groups are very active. We had a successful Students and YP meeting at the Technion (end of December 2019), organized by Aleks Dyskin, the YP AG chair, with over 120 attendees, We had several workshops at the Technion and BG University. We plan the next meetings for 2021. These meetings were and will be organized at the Tel Aviv University, Technion, Bar Ilan University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the BGU at the Negev (south) and also online, in cooperation with our AEAI (Association of Engineers in Israel. IEEE and IEEE Israel signed MOU of cooperation with them, that works fine, and increased our activity).

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?

We have formed a new Electronic Packaging Chapter and forum, to talk about electronic packaging, thermal management and reliability. Many members of this attractive forum joined IEEE and IEEE EPS as new members. We also take care to follow the chapters activities, with financial and guidance support from the section, and have replaced most of our chapter chairs with new energetic chairs.

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 increased the budget to support activities of chapters and affiliated groups and formed a budget to encourage and support students' new membership. In 2020 most of our section's officers were replaced and we formed recently new chapters, EPS and SYS.

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

We push the chapters to increase technical and social activities. R8 helped our initiative to form corporate membership, but it failed at the MGA. I think we should continue and fight for it. This will help to increase membership and industry involvement.

