

Lithuania 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 Lithuania Section constantly intermediaries between local electronic, communication and IT industry and universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organizing of internship. In continuation to foster Industry Relations the Section intends to:

- Continue to organize member visits to innovative and developing companies of Lithuania.
- Continue to invite representatives of the industry (electronics, electrical engineering, communication and IT specialists) to participate in social activities that are organized by the Section;
- Continue to promote the participation of the industry in the exhibitions organized within the conferences and workshops, supported by the Section.

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?

IEEE Lithuania Section ExCom includes chairpersons from student sections, YP and WIE affinity groups. Thus all activities in the Section are well announced, commonly organized and usually involve all levels of members and representatives from affinity groups. The Section strives to help and support all activities that students, YP and WIE members are organizing. Through "The best volunteer of the year" reward program students, YP or WIE leaders regularly wins awards and their work is recognized. Lately carried events in the Section:

- Introduction to IEEE and its activities was done during this academic year opening Vilnius Gediminas Technical University ceremony;
- IEEE Day 2020 Celebration in Lithuania among other activities featured inspiring lectures on topics "IEEE. 10 Tips on How to Start a Career", "E-business how to create it?", "Fast Fourier Transformation: Theory and examples".

The Section intends to:

- Support annual contest and award ceremony "The Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania" during which Your Excellency President of the Republic of Lithuania will hand out all awards;
- Co-sponsor annual Conference for Lithuania Junior Researchers "Electronics and Electrical Engineering";
- Continue to support YP representatives, leading educational work on behalf of IEEE among students and pupils;
- Continue the search of sponsors for financial support of the IEEE Student membership.

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?

IEEE Lithuania Section has met its recruitment goal for 2020 membership year and was awarded by Silver Award. During previous co-sponsored International conference "Electrical, Electronic and Information Sciences" newly arranged booth "Call for IEEE student membership applications" attracted new members thus this initiative was continued this year. The Section intends to:

- Organize special on-line sessions "Call for IEEE membership applications" in accord with all major on-line workshops or seminar series hosted by the Section;
- About 15% of the Section members were identified as possible candidates to become Senior Members. Thus a workshop event to promote senior membership is scheduled for the late Autumn.

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?

IEEE Lithuania Section supports all its organizational units in all their initiatives and seeks for events sustainability and professionalism. In majority of cases the Section opts to co-sponsor these events financially, also initiates and grants awards. The Section regularly carries face-to-face ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events. Lately the Section co-sponsored and participated in the IEEE Latvia and Lithuania Sections Summit 2020 where both sections volunteers had an excellent opportunity in face-to-face meetings to exchange best practices and enforce collaboration. The Section intends to:

- Host the the 8th IEEE Lithuania and Latvia Sections Workshop "Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering";
- Continue "The best volunteer of the year" reward program and soon grant reward for the year 2020 nominee;
- Continue to organize series of technical meetings presenting frontiers of research in recently defended Doctoral Dissertations;
- Keep inviting distinguished lecturers and co-operate on this matter with its neighbors: Latvia, Estonia, Belarus and Poland Sections.

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

One of the upcoming challenges is to attract more young professionals from industry.