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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?

- The Section uses the DL program and invites lecturers to provide talks for both academia and industry. Engineers from industry are stimulated to participate.
- Student contests are organized together with industry. Industry is stimulated to support student contests by offering award.
- Conferences are organized together with and for industry. Indexing papers in IEEEXplore is a new attraction for R&D companies.

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?

Two major student activities were held for students with the support from IEEE Romania Section:

- Best PhD thesis is organized by some chapters.
- New Student Branch and Student Branch Chapters were organized in Romania and other will be organized in the next months.
- Best student paper award are organized for students.
- The Section supports selected students by paying the membership fee. The number of your members is relatively high in Romania, with acceptable retention.
- There are many events organized by the WIE group for students.
- Low registration fees are set for students by conference organizers.
- Webpages are developed by SBs and SBCs.
- The IEEE Day is organized every year with students involvement.

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 new Chapter on NANO was organized this year. New Chapters are planned to be organized. There are 27 Chapters and Affinity Groups in Romania.
- The Chapters are are guided to organized standard events: for industry, for students, for women, etc.
- The IEEE Romania Section encourages and supports the members to apply for elevation to IEEE Senior Member.
- The Section has created a new webpage at https://romania.ieeer8.org/
- The Section's policy is to organize elections at the chapter levels so that more and more members are involved in the IEEE activities.
- Fidelity pins are given to all members, and certificates are presented to the active members.
- Educational activities are organized by the E-Learning Center from University Politehnica of Timisoara https://elearning.upt.ro/ro/

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?

- Close guidance are offered to Chapters to maintain constant activities
- We organize training meetings for the new volunteers.
- Elections are organized and new people are integrated and trained to continue the dynamic activity.
- The Section engage the Student Branches in educational and student related activities. The students are actively involved in organizing the various activities.
- An association titled IEEE Romania Members was created as a legal entity in Romania. It will allow us to better make financial transactions in support to the chapters.
- Financial support is provided by the Section to all relevant events with large impact.

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

No special support, other than what is actually provided, is needed.