

## Lithuania Section

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### Section Vitality

The last elections in the IEEE Lithuania Section were organized in October-November 2020, the next ones are also scheduled for October-November, but this year. In Lithuania Section there is a practice to elect a former Vice-Chair as Chair, but in 2021 this tradition will be broken, because the current Vice-Chair has already served as Chair for a total of 6 years (4 + 2 years). Since mid-March 2020, almost all meetings of the ExCom were held in a virtual way, at which topical issues of the Section's activity were discussed. The last meeting of the ExCom was also held virtually on 23 February, the reports of officers and Chair of Chapters were condemned, and the prospects for work in 2021 were presented.

- Activities carried out to retain and recruit members
- The best volunteer of the year reward program.
- Regular face-to-face/virtual ExCom meetings preparing for and organizing all major events.
- Awarding or co-sponsoring visits of the best volunteers to workshops/congresses.
- Promotion of IEEE in carrying out such activities as "IEEE Day", workshops/congresses and conferences.

### Students

There are two Student Branches (SB) in the IEEE Lithuania Section: IEEE SB of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University and IEEE SB of Kaunas University of Technology. We are trying to prepare leaders to form IEEE SB of Vilnius University.

### Affinity Groups

There are two Affinity Groups in the IEEE Lithuania Section: Young Professionals and Women in Engineering. The Section provides funds for events organized by these Groups.

### Chapters

There are four IEEE Chapters in the Lithuania Section: Computer Chapter, Education Chapter, Joint AP/ED/MTT Chapter and Joint SP/CIS/COM Chapter. All Chapters submitted reports on their activity in 2020 on time and we hope for a proper rebate.

In the past year, a kernel of seventeen members of the Technology and Engineering Management (TEM) Society was formed in our Section. We hope that a new Chapter is being formed – IEEE Lithuania Section TEM Chapter.

### Industry

IEEE Lithuania Section (LS) is 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, organization of internship, etc.

### Activities since the last report

Our Section signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the technical and financial support of three conferences and workshop organized in Lithuania in 2021; we also agreed to provide information support to the organizers of the 2021 International Conference on Technology and Entrepreneurship.

### Planned activities

It will be necessary to have more industry people in the board; our Section must always take care of organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process, constantly updating the Facebook page of the Section (<https://www.facebook.com/IEEE-Lithuania-Section-462539263947774/>) and the website: <http://iee.lt/>. We must not forget also: member retention and recruitment, recruiting of new volunteers, inviting distinguished lecturers, co-sponsoring of local and international conferences, involving members from industry.