Russia Northwest Section

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Section Vitality
The last elections in the Section took place in Autumn, 2020. For the position of the Section Chair there were alternative candidates. The Section Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected to the same position.

Section ExCom meetings took place every 2-3 month, in a distant mode. The spectrum of issues discussed at the meetings covered organizing the officers’ elections, organizing the Conference of Young Researchers in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (ElConRus 2021), considering Section plans for 2021. The Conference of Young Researchers was the main event for attracting new student members (450 papers presented at the Conference, for IEEE members participation is free of charge).

Students
No Student Branches (SB) are officially organized in the Section

Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals: seminars on How to write a paper to the Scientific Conference and IEEE Helpful Tools for young authors of scientific papers.

Affinity Groups
No Affinity Groups except for YP exist in the Section.

Chapters
List of Chapters and SB Chapters in the Section:
- IE/EMC/PE Chapter,
- Chapter of the Photonics Society,
- Circuits and Systems (CAS) Society Chapter,
- Joint Sections Information Theory Society Chapter,
- Automatic Control Chapter,
- Broadcast Technology, Consumer Electronics and Communications Societies Joint Chapter,
- SP/AES/UFFC Joint Chapter.

Industry
No special activities to foster Industry relations took place during the last 6 month. The main reason for it is the pandemic restrictions.

Activities since the last report
Every year, the Section supports 5-6 Conferences (organizationally and financially). Most of them worked in the distant mode last year. In our opinion, participation in Conferences is the most attractive activity for IEEE members as it influences their professional growth and recognition.

The IEEE Student Technical English Program was stopped due to pandemic restrictions. Hope to re-start it in spring 2021.

Planned activities
A set of 6 Conferences to be supported by the Section in 2021.

The IEEE Day to be celebrated again in the traditional mode in September.

Preparation of a Milestone application by Summer 2021.

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities
Thank you, no special help is needed

Any other issues of interest