

# Section Name Turkey

#### Section Vitality

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Last Section elections was in Dec 2019. Next elections will be in Dec 2021. We don't have a tradition of Vice Chair becoming chair. As IEEE Turkey, we announced reduced fees of IEEE among University Students. We renewed chapter elections to create interest.

#### Students

Our new student Branches are Atılım University and İstanbul Sebahattim Zaim University.

Multiple Student branches stopped their activities. Bülent Ecevit Üniversitesi, Cyprus International University, University of Lefke, Gaziantep Üniversitesi, Mersin Üniversitesi and Maltepe Üniversitesi.

# **Affinity Groups**

#### We had YP and SIGHT groups and our WIE group is established officially in March 2021.

YP gorup had 1 e-talk (IEEE Turkey YP Answers series), 6 IEEE Turkey YP Webinars (IEEE CS, CSS, ComSoc, Cybersecurity, Blockchain Webinar Series), 2 IEEE Connecting Experts webinars (co-organized with IEEE Region 8 YP), 2 symposiums (a national PES symposium on renewable energy resources and an international ComSoc symposium on 5G/B5G/6G wireless communications), an industry panel in the online regional meeting by IEEE Turkey Student Branches, 2 YP networking session with IEEE Turkey WIE in IEEE WIE Summit 2020, 3 STEP event co-organized with IEEE PAU Student Branch, 1 national YP meetup including presentations by all affinity groups in Turkey and 1 Workshop for Scientific Writing co-organized with IEEE ComSoc Turkey Chapter.

SIGHT group prepared a project for helping unemployed engineers. They will provide internship opportunities in non governmental organizations. In addition a webinar with Region 9 HAC chair is organized.

Our WIEgroup organized Empowering Women Summit in December 2020 https://www.ieee-wie-ews.com/

#### The organization had more than 20 speakers.



We have in total 14 Chapters. They haven't received this years refunds yet.

COMSOC Turkey organized a masters thesis competition.

SPS Turkey organized webinar series on open problems in Signal Processing.

IEEE Computer Society Turkey Chapter organized Master Class webinars. One of the was with Prof. Onur Mutlu.

Another one with Dr. Haluk Reşat.

#### Industry

IEEE Entrepreneurship Turkey works with Industry. They support 3 startups so far.

#### Activities since the last report

We announced this years IEEE Turkey Section Awards aims to honor our members in four categories including:

- Doctoral thesis award,
- Research incentive award,
- Exceptional service award, and
- Life-long achievement award

# **Planned** activities

We are planning a webinar with the NASA scientist regarding the latest Mars landing. Our most important activity will be IEEE Turkey Section The Undergraduate Academic Conference (TUAC). The conference dates are July 10-11<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

# How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities

Covid reduced overall efficiency of the IEEE Student branches.

# Any other issues of interest







# **IEEE Turkey Section Educational Activities**

# The Undergraduate Academic Conference (TUAC)

As a joint effort with IEEE Turkey SAC, TUAC is planned as a multidisciplinary, undergraduate-oriented conference in order to introduce academic writing and research techniques both to engineering and high school students.



