

Section Name

Reporting Officer Name

Section Vitality

Please provide information about the date of last Section elections, date of next elections, and do you have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair. Section ExCom meetings (list them and provide brief summary if appropriate). List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.

Romania Section holds elections every two years. The last elections took place in January 2019. The next elections will take place in December 2021.

We have the practice of promoting the officers step by step. The newly elected Chair has been volunteer within the Section for more than 10 year, holding all the ExCom positions, which is Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chair, and now Chair. The achievements within the Romania Section are very important in promoting a person to lead the Section.

Lost of ExCom meetings have been organized in 2020. The Section Past Chairs were involved each time. The topics discussed were the organization of the elections, rules and procedures within the newly created association IEEE Romania Members, preparing the half-year report.

There was no meeting on how to recruit and retain members. Our strategy is the people help people, where leaders support and encourage the young engineers to enroll. The beginning of the year 2021 show better results than last year. Currently, Romania Section has 849 members. We believe that we can reach up to 1000 members until the end of the year.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

A new Student Branch was formed at Technical University “Gh. Asachi” of Iasi: STB99065 - Gh Asachi Iasi Tech Univ.

The Romania Section has now SBs in each large university city, i.e. Bucharest, Timișoara, Cluj-Napoca, and Iasi (with two SBs).

There was no special meeting addressed to students by the Section. Various sections are organizing student dedicated activities. For instance, the RAS Chapter organized the best PhD thesis award. Prof. Diana Andone organized a series of online activities related to new tools for online learning.

Affinity Groups

List of Affinity Groups (YP, LM, WiE, SIGHT, etc.), list of SB AGs, newly formed or dissolved AGs/SB AGs, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). List the activities intended to support affinity groups.

The Life Members Affinity Group was formed at the end of 2020. No entity was dissolved.

The Section supports financially, with priority, the student and YP activities.

Chapters

List of Chapters and SB Chapters in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved Chapters, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). Indicate how many have reported on time and received rebate. Highlight some of the activities.

The following SBs and SBCs were former after October 2020:

SBC63061B - Politehnica Univ Of Bucharest,RA24

SBC63061A - Politehnica Univ Of Bucharest,NANO42

SBC10127 - Politehnica University of Timisoara,EP21

SBC99065 - Gh Asachi Iasi Tech Univ,EP21

Last year, three SBs have received rebate, i.e. STB63061 - Politehnica Univ Of Bucharest, STB10228 - Technical Univ Of Cluj Napoca, and STB10127 - Politehnica University of Timisoara

No Chapter was formed after October 2020.

Industry

List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained.

There are many conferences organized in Romania with the participation of the industry.

The YP AG in Romania has organized an Industry-Academia meeting.

Activities since the last report

Highlight some of the activities in your Section, with special attention to the things that work well, and things that don't, so that your acquired know-how can be used by other Sections.

No special activities other than the classical ones were organized in our Section.

The time is the biggest barrier.

Planned activities

Highlight some of the future activities and initiatives in your Section.

Besides, the classical activities, the following plans are emphasized:

- The Section plans to organize more activities dedicated to industry and to have some humanitarian initiatives.
- We will continue to encourage the members to apply for Senior Member as there are many with outstanding achievements.
- The Section plans to identify a Milestone and submit a proposal.
- We will focus more on the student activities to help increasing the number of students and to form new SBCs

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

List any challenges you Section is facing and what support is required from the Region 8. Please, also, give us your suggestions for agenda items that you want to be discussed during the R8 Committee meeting.

Region 8 is already offering the necessary and timely support. No additional help is needed.

Any other issues of interest