

IEEE Malta Section

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Section Vitality

The election were held at the latest AGM in December 2020. The main posts were uncontested. Prof. Edward Gatt (chair) Dr. Alexander Micallef (Vice Chair), Dr. Clifford De Raffaele (Secretary) and Dr. Paul Zammit (Treasurer). Elections were also held for the Computer Society Chapter, Women in Engineering, Student Branch and YP.

During freshers week at the University of Malta, IEEE was promoted through online sessions. The section has organized online TISP events in order to encourage teachers to prompt science and technology to students at primary and secondary school levels. IEEE membership has been promoted for the attendees.

Students

We still have an active Student Branch at the University of Malta. Members of the student branch are regularly invited to the Section meeting in order to report activities and also to see how the Section can help the individual committees grow and also to support any student/YP activities. COVID-19 has impacted many of the activities but the Section has still managed to organize the yearly final year project award for Electrical, Mechanical Engineering and ICT cohorts. The event was organized online but made live public over the section's facebook. The committee is exploring the option to setup a student branch at Malta College for Arts Science and Technology.

Affinity Groups

Currently, we are supporting the local WiE and YP affinity group. The President of each affinity group is invited to our section meetings and both affinity groups normally get exposure at our events. Again COVID-19 has impacted on the organized events but both groups have helped out in organization of an online TISP event.

Chapters

The Computer Society Chapter is active with promotion at TISP events and planning robot wars for University Students. COVID-19 has impacted this year's events but the Chapter is planning talks for IEEE events particularly with a focus of how digital health can help in these pandemic years.

Industry

The Section is planning to start getting together the various stakeholders in the local industry to see how IEEE can collaborate with the local industry.

Activities since the last report

Over the past years, the IEEE section has been rather successful in pushing TISP events, particularly through an established working collaboration with the E-Skills local chairman. IEEE through the student branch has an important presence in Science in the City, an event which is normally held in September in Valletta and attended by thousands of local families. This year the event was held online in November and unfortunately was not particularly well organised this year

Planned activities

We will be organizing various TISP events later on this year. We will also organize an Awards Night COVID-19 permitting in order to recognize achievements of various individuals. The Final Year Project award will be organized around July. The Computer Society Chapter is looking at organizing professional talks for its members, together with planned workshops in the digital e-health area. The student branch will promote robot wars among the students.

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

We are currently facing a problem in the area of student membership recruitment, particularly since at University there are other student committees which are competing to recruit students.

Any other issues of interest