

# North Macedonia Section

# Pero Latkoski

### 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.

Last elections took place in December 2019. Next elections are scheduled for November-December 2021. Vice-Chair is usually candidate for chair, but there can be other candidates for the position. Members elect the chair by voting. In 2020 ExCom had 3 meetings and in 2021 2 meetings, all dedicated to deal with current problems and concerns. MD officer has many activities to retain and recruit members. Nevertheless, by the end of 2020 our membership has dropped in numbers.

#### 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.

There is one SB in our Section (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University SB), and several SB chapters (EDS, Computer, etc.). The section ExCom as well as chapter chairs are in close collaboration with student representatives on daily bases. It's obsolete to point out the meeting dates. We have also an active students counselor.

#### **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.

There are no new affinity groups or any changes since the last report. We plan to create a Life Member group since we have now 7 LM.

### 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. SP001/EMB018, CAS004/CIS011/CS023, ED015/IM009/SSC037, IT012, IE013/IA034/PEL035, C016, COM019, PE031, E25/RA24/SMC28, as well as SB and YP. All of them reported on time

### Industry

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

We are looking for new Industry Relationship Ambassador.

### 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.

All the activities have switched to online version, but this approach proved to be less productive compared to previous faceto-face meetings. We have had an IEEE DAY event face to face (in open space).

### **Planned** activities

Highlight some of the future activities and initiatives in your Section. We plan to consolidate our membership during the 2021.

### 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.

Any other issues of interest