

Austria Section

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Section Vitality

The last election for the term 2021-2023 was held in November 2020. The new officers are listed under the [Executive Committee](#) of the [section website](#). The next election is foreseen in the last quarter of 2023. Several section meetings have been held in the last year, an overview is provided at the [Past Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#).

Students

Overall, 5 different student branches belong to the section. A potential new student branch in the western part of Austria is currently in planning.

Most of them are somehow active but compared to the last couple of years they organized fewer activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. An overview of their activities is provided at the [section website](#) under [Student Branches](#) (with sub-pages of the different student branches).

Affinity Groups

The section currently has a young professional and women in engineering affinity group. Usually, they organize several events and activities. An overview of those activities can be found at the [Young Professionals](#) and [Women in Engineering](#) pages of the [section website](#).

Chapters

Overall, the section has 11 different chapters and joint chapters. Almost all of them reported a sufficient number of activities for the last year in time. An overview of their activities is provided at the [section website](#) under [Chapters](#) (with sub-pages of the different chapters).

Industry

Some talks and webinars (mostly online) with industry participants have been organized during the last year. An overview is provided at the [Past Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#).

Activities since the last report

An overview of the main activities is provided at the [Past Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#) as well as in the section newsletters (see [Newsletter](#) page of the [section website](#)). Despite the COVID-19 pandemic it was quite interesting to see so many activities organized by the different groups of the section.

Planned activities

An overview of future activities is provided at the [Future Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#).

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

The provision of a description of the different roles (chairs, officers, etc.) could be helpful, especially for new persons taking over a specific role; such a role description could help them in their daily work.

Any other issues of interest

The benefit of IEEE membership for student members is generally decreasing; the main motivation for student membership is the reduced fee for conference participation but this is less relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IEEE Austria Section History







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How it started in 1979

The idea to establish an IEEE Section in Austria came up in the years preceding 1979. After these plans have been detailed the OVE (Austrian Electrotechnical Association) set the formation process in motion. As part of these activities the OVE nominated a representative, Heinrich Pangratz, who led preparatory talks with the IEEE headquarters. Finally, in 1977 a number of motivated OVE members (holding an IEEE membership too) formally started the formation process of the IEEE Austria Section. During the early years the IEEE Austria Section was heavily supported by the OVE and today, there is still a strong cooperation between these two associations. The figure below shows the form that has been used to report the first section officers to the IEEE headquarters (Kurt Richter/Graz University of Technology, Robert Genser/OBB Austrian Federal Railways, Andreas Sethy/Arsenal Research Center and Franz Voggenberger/Schrack).



Updated [Section History Wiki](#), 2021



Event Update

DEAR IEEE AUSTRIA SECTION MEMBERS,

besides an update of the upcoming events, we would like to wish you a good start into the new year!

[Newsletter Q1/2022](#), January 11, 2022