

**Lithuania Section****Vytautas Urbanavicius****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.*

- Last elections in the Section were organized in autumn 2020. In this election, a new Section Chair was elected for a two-year term, as well as the heads of the Section's Chapters were elected or re-elected (all for a two-year term, i.e. from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022). I, Vytautas Urbanavicius, am acting as Chair for the second time (my first cadence was in 2015-2018), and before the last elections, I was Vice-Chair of the Section (2019–2020).

*Section ExCom meetings (list them and provide brief summary if appropriate).*

- Since November 2021, the Executive Committee has met three times; issues of self-analysis of the activities of the Section were discussed, the results of the work for 2021 were summed up (at the same time, we had virtual communication with the ExecCom of Latvia Section), in the end of January there was also one informal meeting with representatives of the Organizing Committee of the 8th Region.

*List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.*

- At all events organized and supported by the Section (conferences, workshops, seminars, etc.) there are calls to join the IEEE. As of February 28, 2022, the Section has 116 members of the IEEE (i.e. the number of members has not decreased compared to last year).

**Students**

*List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting (Nov 2021).*

- There are two IEEE SB in our Section: Vilnius Gediminas Technical University IEEE SB (VGTU SB) and Kaunas University of Technology IEEE SB (KUT SB). The VGTU SB is quite active, it regularly organizes various events (most often technical presentations); but the KUT SB has to be constantly "pushed".

*Section activities addressed to Students.*

- The Section constantly supports the Student Branches: finances, advises and helps to organize student events.

**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 (Nov 2021).*

- There are two Affinity Groups (AG) in our Section: YP and WiE. Unfortunately, no new AGs have yet been formed since the last meeting reporting.

*List the activities intended to support affinity groups.*

- The Section comprehensively supports the activities of the AGs: the Section co-finances the events organized by these AGs, work is underway to nominate members of the AGs to leadership positions in the ExecCom, and to train them. Currently there are five IEEE life-members in our Section, they are very active, and perhaps in the near future we will be able to organize a new AG – 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).*

- There are four Chapters in our Section: 1) Jt Chpt AP03/ED15/MTT17, 2) Jt Chpt, SP01/CIS11/COM19, 3) Computer Chapter, and 4) Education Chapter.

*Indicate how many have reported on time and received rebate. Highlight some of the activities.*

- All Chapters of the Section are quite active; at least five technical meetings are organized by each of them during the year (reports about this are in the vTools). As successful chapters, they receive regular rebate. In addition, when a Chapter plans to organize a special event (e.g. an international workshop), it applies to the relevant Society for additional funding. As a rule, the answer to such a request is positive and additional funding is allocated.

**Industry**

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

- The Section is constantly intermediaries between local electronic, communication and IT industry and Universities, assisting in the establishment of contacts, such as searching for employees, monitoring of study programs, counseling, organization of internship, etc.

**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.

- Together with the IEEE Latvia Section, a joint workshop AIEEE 2021 was held in November (virtual form).
- A Memorandum of Understanding for technical co-sponsoring was signed with the organizers of the international conference Electronics 2022.
- A self-assessment of the Section was carried out.
- Summed up the results of the Section for 2021; awarded badges to new senior members of the IEEE.

**Planned activities**

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

- It will be necessary to have more industry people in the board;
- The Section must always take care of organizing elections using v-tools to engage more members in nomination and voting process, constantly updating the Facebook page of the Section (<https://www.facebook.com/IEEE-Lithuania-Section-462539263947774/>);
- The restoration of the Section's Internet site must be completed as soon as possible;
- Regular activity: support for local and international conferences; organizing a competition for the title of "Best Master's Thesis" in the field of electronics, electrical engineering and information technology; support of the competition "The Best Doctoral Dissertation in Lithuania".
- We must not forget also: member retention and recruitment, recruiting of new volunteers, inviting distinguished lecturers, co-sponsoring of local and international conferences, involving members from industry.

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

List any challenges your 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 (its Organizing Committee) is very responsive to the requests of the Section and there is no need to demand anything special now.
- Perhaps the membership in the IEEE could increase significantly if there was an opportunity for Collective Membership, for example, a certain University is a member of the IEEE. Is this possible in the future?

**Any other issues of interest**