Portugal Section

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Section Vitality

Elections: The last Section elections were in December 2021. The new ExCom started its position on Jan 2022. The Vice-Chair became Chair. The date of the next election is planned for November 2023.

ExCom Meetings: ExCom meets at least once per month; Each member of ExCom has a specific set of subjects to follow up, e.g. communication and students committees; chapters; affinity groups; financial issues (treasurer); industry; education and professional activities. We hold two extended meetings (with chapters and affinity group chairs) per year, normally one in Jan/Feb and another one in Jun/Jul.

Activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained:

- Local Board Meeting (12-13 March 2022) – SBs general meeting
- Leadership Camp (26-28 November 2021)
- Extended Excom Meetings (22 January 2022)
- Outstanding MSc Thesis Award 2021
- Best PhD Thesis Award 2020/2021
- IEEE Portugal Awards 2021
- Summary of all activities until 15 of March 2022:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FMvB1w9CUaMJRTqqQskFoabQTehpRfhJ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117261322309366906261&rtpof=true&sd=true

Students

Current status of the Student Branches:

- Active: IPVC, IPCA, UMinho, UPorto, ISEP, UAveiro, UCoimbra, IPL, ISEL, IST, ISCTE, FCT-UNova
- Newly formed: UL
- Inactive: UAlg, UBI, IPCB, UTAD, IPBragança

List of the student meetings and Section Activities:

- Student meetings held: every month SB online meeting
- LBM (Local Board Meeting) 2022
- Leadership Camp 2022

List of SBs:

- Universidade do Porto STB90701
- Instituto Superior Técnico STB28512
- Universidade de Coimbra STB15001
- Universidade de Aveiro STB28351
- Universidade do Minho STB17191
- University of Lisbon STB13772
- Instituto Superior de Engenharia de Lisboa STB17621
- ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon STB11554
- Universidade Nova de Lisboa STB91011
- Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra e Ave STB11552
- Beira Interior Univ Da STB14681
- Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo STB99393
- Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto STB11311
- Instituto Politécnico de Leiria STB14481
- Braganca Polytechnic Inst of STB06171
- Instituto Politécnico De Castelo Branco STB63081
- Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro STB37051
- Universidade do Algarve STB10163

Affinity Groups
List of Affinity Groups

- Efforts to LMAG to be continued during this year;
- SB AGs: WiE-IST, WiE-UC, WiE-UP, WiE-UM, WIE-ISCTE, WiE-UA, WIE-ISEP

WiE-PT has been a very active OU in the past years and in 2021 several activities with WiE SBs were and are being done. IEEE-PT ExCom needs to support in a different way Young Professionals since this OU is very inactive and lacks activities in the past two years. The IEEE-PT ExCom held at least two meetings with all section OUs and we will request the YP community in Portugal to send us ideas on how to improve or create new activities to empower this particular group in our section.

Chapters

The Chapters are listed as follows. The Oceanic Engineering Chapter has been dissolved. No chapters have been created since the last report. Regarding the reporting, 12 chapters have reported on time (12 in 14).

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The activities supported by the chapters included the organization of international conferences, the organization of lectures and keynote presentations in several Portuguese educational and non-educational institutions, and technical-scientific workshops dedicated to specific topics. The chapters are actively involved in joint activities with the societies, including the organization of talks involving Distinguished Lecturers.

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Industry

Regarding the relations with Industry, since November we have celebrated new MoUs with 4 companies and new MoUs are being currently negotiated. The MoUs include several types of cooperation, including technical activities with students, YPs, and members, and the participation in several activities organized by the Section (e.g. Engineering Day, MSc/PhD Awards, LBM, Leadership Camp, etc.).

Activities since the last report
The Section is organizing several activities as described in the summary presented in “Section Vitality”. Some of the activities of special interest include:

- Local Board Meeting (12-13 March 2022) – SBs general meeting
- Leadership Camp (27 November 2021)
- Extended Excom Meetings (22 January 2022)
- Outstanding MSc Thesis Award 2021
- Best PhD Thesis Award 2020/2021
- IEEE Portugal Awards 2021
- Excom meetings every month
- Student Branches meetings every month

Planned activities
At this moment several activities are in progress, several to be fulfilled before the end of 2022, notably:

- IEEE Portugal Engineering Day - a full-day hybrid event planned for November 2022
- Leadership camp 2022 - 2-day hybrid student event planned for November 2022
- Outstanding MSc Awards 2021 (results at Engineering Day)
- Chapters Summit 2022 - a full-day event planned for July 2022
- Extended ExCom meeting planned for July 2022

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities
We are resuming face-to-face meetings and finding some reluctance given that hybrid setups are also supported. Some additional support/enforcement for face-to-face participants from IEEE R8 could stir things up.
R8 could promote remote regional hackathons with industrial mentors. This could also be an add-value initiative for IEEE students and young professionals members.

Any other issues of interest
Promotion materials designed for the specific events:

MSc & PhD Awards 2021

Engineering Day - Nov. 2021 (hybrid online/presential)
The 118th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting
Hybrid http://april-2022.ieer8.org/
Warsaw, Poland, 2–3 April 2022

Extended ExCom Meeting - Jan. 2022 (online)