

**Czechoslovakia Section****Matej Pacha****Section Vitality**

Last elections: 31.12.2021

Next elections: 31.12.2022

We have the practice of vice-chair to chair transition, however, this year due to the lack of candidates, we open the position to any volunteer.

**List of ExCom meetings:**

01/2022 – online

02/2022 – online

06/2022 – hybrid / Pilsen

09/2022 – hybrid / Brno

11/2022 – planned

12/2022 – planned / Annual meeting, 30th anniversary

In summary, the ExCom discusses TCS applications, budgetary, chapters operations, SBs operations. This year we also update our promotional items.

**Activities to retain/recruit members:**

No dedicated activities carried out. Those activities are joined with technical/professional events, if possible. However, no metrics/tracking is done.

**Students****Student branches and their activities:**

CTU Prague – SB is in jeopardy, lacking students and volunteers

CTU Prague - PES SBC – SB has not reported any activities yet

VUT Brno – SB is not active, the SB chair left the university without continuity

Univ of Zilina – activities done but not reported

TU Kosice – activities not reported

**Affinity Groups**

Young Professionals AG – 2 professional activities done so far, more TBD as the new chair took over the leadership in the middle of the term

Life Members AG – newly established AG in 2021, activities done and ongoing, R8 LM meeting to be held in 10/2022 in Prague

**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.

All the chapters have reported on time, only the Reliability Society chapter reported a non-technical event and the MTT/AP/ED/EMC had an inactive chair (already fixed).

**Industry**

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

No event done directly with Industry.

The Section, however, did ask Industry to provide info about positions suitable for refugees from Ukraine and 180+ positions have been offered. No feedback from Industry so far.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Highlight any diversity metrics (gender, age, religion, geographical, employment, etc.), new initiatives, best practices and progress around diversity and inclusion happening in your Section. Link to IEEE DEI statement <link>.

DEI activities are not managed particularly, since our section is lacking volunteers and officers.

### **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.

Since this year we celebrate 30th anniversary, our section organized a History session during the first meeting of the year, with a special guest Martin Bastiaans, presenting his research on the IEEE Czechoslovakia Section foundation.

### **Planned activities**

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

Annual meeting celebrating the 30th anniversary of our Section is planned for Dec 2022.

### **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.

The biggest challenge of our Section is the volunteer base – we have called for volunteers based on Germany section best practices, but with just a limited results in microvolunteering. This issue has been reported multiple times, but apparently no reaction from R8 committee. Now the Section is running in a situation that the Section chair should not be nominated again and there is no candidate for this position for the next term.

Another issue is the financial reporting required twice a year – one financial report a year already put a lot of load on the treasurer and now he is considering to step down due to additional load.

Any interaction with the IEEE (mainly reporting) should be made as easy as possible to let us, the volunteers, work on running the office effectively.

Any other issues of interest