

Germany Section

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Section Vitality

Last Section elections: Autumn 2020

Next Section elections: Autumn 2022 (ongoing)

Vice-Chair usually becomes the next chair.

Section Excom (33 officers + chapter chairs + student branch chairs) meets 4 times per year.

Many new members in the Section Excom. New chair started in 2021, and many officer positions were changed or newly created. Contacting all members end of 2020 to ask for interested members to volunteer brought unexpected positive response. Thus some new positions were created to let all volunteers have something to do and contribute. The new start looks quite promising. Goal is to wake up Germany section which was a bit sleepy in the last years. Many activities were already started in the different domains.

Students

Aachen, Bielefeld, Chemnitz, Darmstadt, Duisburg-Essen, Hamburg, Hannover, Ilmenau, Karlsruhe, Magdeburg, München, Passau, Regensburg.

Affinity Groups

YP, WiE, SIGHT, Milestone Program, LM affinity group.

LM affinity group was dissolved in 2020 due to inactivity. Now the new LM affinity group counts 35 members which meet every 8 weeks to talk, network, have an invited scientific presentation and discuss activities. It received the “Regional Life Member Affinity Group Achievement Award 2022”.

SIGHT is currently coordinating the (industrial) construction of several devices given away for free to homeless people in Germany as well as planning to do similar things for Ukraine refugees.

Chapters

Chapters of 27 societies exist in Germany. One student chapter.

Some chapter chairs held their positions for many years now. The new Germany Section chapter coordinator whacked the bush and brought many of those rather inactive chapters to have elections and elect new chairs.

Since 2021 all chapter activities are being reported to the Section (this was not the case before) in order to provide a central information point for members and/or possible new members.

Industry

Industry relations were a bit dormant until 2020. Now the position is filled by 4 volunteers covering different regions inside Germany and different industrial sectors. First activities together with German key industry are already being planned. However, due to Covid many planned excursions etc. cannot take place in the real world, but only online, which is a drawback for now.

Activities since the last report

LMAG received the “Regional Life Member Affinity Group Achievement Award 2022”.

hosted a conference on education (GECON 2022) in Berlin, fully sponsored by the section.

hosted Nov 2021 R8 Committee Meeting in Frankfurt/Main,

special citation for Heinz-Nixdorf-Forum computer museum in Paderborn approved (was unveiled Oct 23rd, 2021),

new Germany section web site design and content,

created next milestone plaque proposal,

triggered several chapter election processes,

Of course Covid is one big reason for many canceled meetings and activities, but hybrid or online meetings are getting more popular.

Planned activities

The main idea is to bring a fresh impetus to the Section. It started with replacing inactive or inefficient Section officers and continues with many new activities in the different subgroups (industry relations, university relations, student activities, history program, educational activities on different levels, newly founded newsletter, currently reworking web page design and content, etc.)

Planning an annual gathering where all section members will be invited in person. First ideas were to schedule this for Autumn 2022, but this was not feasible. Now we plan it for early Summer 2023. If successful, we might regularly host this every year. In this regard awards and prizes will be given in person and with press notability.

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

None come to mind. We try to focus on Germany Section for now and will bring forward any questions or requests in due time.