

Section Name: Switzerland

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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. Section ExCom meetings (list them and provide brief summary if appropriate). List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.

Last section elections: April 2021

Next section elections: April 2023

We have a practice of vice-chair to become chair but it may have to be postponed with the take over by the vice chair.

We are in the process to form a committee to look for section officer candidates as a few officer roles may change.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

Two student branches at EPFL and ETHZ. EPFL branch is far more viable than ETHZ branch. Latter needs some new members to be functional. EPFL branch has monthly student member meetings, often with LM participation (EPFL STAMM).

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 (Oct 2020). List the activities intended to support affinity groups.

YP, LM WiE and SIGHT are all active and YP has come to life again with the new YP chair.

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.

New chapter, Control Systems Chapter, chaired by Gianni Ferrari-Trecate has already been well established and great workshops, best paper awards for students were created.

Industry

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

A program to link companies closer to IEEE to benefit IEEE members is being established where companies will take over IEEE memberships of their employees or companies to offer rebated courses to IEEE members.

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>](#).

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.

Highlights:

- Standard activities are ExCom meetings, at least 4 times a year.
- Use of Collaboratec Space among section officers for recording meeting slides and minutes.
- Special initiatives of chapters and life members to have MOU with ENTER Museum that was also featured in IEEE Spectrum Magazine (<https://spectrum.ieee.org/switzerlands-museum-of-consumer-electronics>)
- "European PhD School on 'Power Electronics, Electrical Machines, Energy Control and Power Systems", 23 - 27 May 2022 in Gaeta, Italy. <http://www.magento-expert.it/phdschool/>

To be improved:

- Attracting new student members and student leaders, especially at long dormant ETHZ SB.
- Inactive chapters / chapter chairs.
 - No regular updates, no participation at ExCom meetings.
- Collaboration with other R8 section is difficult
 - More chapter-based connections than on section level, i.e. academic vs organizational split.
 - Reciprocal events rare.

Planned activities

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

Search for new section positions, revive dormant positions.

Continue to attract more companies to support the IEEE Switzerland Section.

Organizing next GA.

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.

General presentations highlighting benefits of IEEE to student, members, industry would be beneficial.

Simplify web-sites to get information, to distribute information

Improvements in renewing memberships website, inclusive payments (personal experience that I could not yet renew, contact to respond from IEEE pretty slow and complicated).

Any other issues of interest