

**Section Name**

**Reporting Officer Name**

**Section Vitality**

Last elections took place November-December 2021. Next elections are envisaged for November-December 2023. Vice-Chair is usually candidate for chair, but there can be other candidates for the position. Members elect the chair by voting. In 2022 ExCom had 2 meetings and several electronic voting procedures, all dedicated to deal with current problems and concerns. Newly assigned MD officer had many activities to retain and recruit members. The membership at the beginning of 2023 has slightly increased compared to beginning of 2022

**Students**

There is one SB in our Section (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University SB), and several SB chapters (EDS, Computer, etc.). The section ExCom as well as chapter chairs are in close collaboration with student representatives on daily bases. Activities have been undertaken to try to establish SBs in other universities.

**Affinity Groups**

The Section has two affinity group, the Young Professionals affinity group, and the Lifetime Members Affinity Group.

**Chapters**

SP001/EMB018, CAS004/CIS011/CS023, ED015/IM009/SSC037, IT012, IE013/IA034/PEL035, C016, COM019, PE031, E25/RA24/SMC28, as well as SB, YP and LMAG. All of them reported on time. Some chapters had exceptionally high number of activities, such as SP001/EMB018.

**Industry**

Industry Relations Ambassador has been assigned and he is undertaking the initial activities to increase the collaboration with the industry.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

The section is promoting and planning to continue the promotion between different target groups, to increase its diversity.

**Activities since the last report**

The Section organized the annual assembly of the members in February 2023, where the ExCom and all section chairs reported the activities to the membership. Technical co-sponsorship was signed with 2 upcoming conferences. Application to organize one flagship conference was submitted.

**Planned activities**

Presentations of the IEEE and its chapter in the universities across the country, as well as to different partners from the industry. Signing MoUs with universities and industry partners.

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

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**Any other issues of interest**

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