

Section Name: Russia North West Section**Reporting Officer Name: Sergey Shaposhnikov****Section Vitality**

Last Section elections took place in December, 2022.

Section ExCom meetings were mostly focused on issues of conferences organized and sponsored by the Section (7 conferences in 2022).

A special ExCom meeting discussed the problems with paying membership fees under financial sanctions.

Students

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in the Russia NW Section to Attract and Support Future Members are:

- The Section web site advertising all events organized and supported by the Section,
- The annual Conference of Young Researchers in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. The last one in January 2022 attracted more than 700 participants from 15 countries, 35 cities of Russia, about 40 HEIs,
- The annual IEEE Day organized by student volunteers,
- Courses in Technical English (has been run successfully for 10+ years),

No new Student Branches formed in 2022, the existing ones are at risk of being dissolved due to problems with membership fee payment.

Affinity Groups

No Affinity Groups at the moment

Chapters

The existing Chapters are at risk of being dissolved due to problems with membership fee payment. No rebate was received due to financial sanctions.

Industry

Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in Russia NW Section to foster Industry Relations:

- Annual conference on Academia-Industry partnership which attracts representatives of big industrial enterprises and industry associations (e.g. Association of Electrical and Electronic Facilities manufacturers) as well as universities top management,
- cooperation with national professional societies (e.g. A.S. Popov Radio Engineering and Communication Society, Inter-Regional Association for Ergonomics, National Academy of Electrical Science, National Academy of Cosmonautics, Russia URSI branch; regular meetings with representatives of national industry;
- A good number of scientific conferences and seminars where representatives of business and industry are specially invited to participate

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

No special efforts were made in this area.

Activities since the last report

The most demanded activities of the Section are scientific conferences (6-8 a year) organized by Section members. Most of them have been successfully run for 5-8 years.

Planned activities

The future activities will depend on the general situation in the country and Europe. Still, we plan to continue our efforts in servicing the Section members and providing them with IEEE benefits.

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

At the moment, in our understanding, the challenges the Section faces are beyond Region 8 control.

Any other issues of interest