Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Section Vitality

The recent Section elections were in March 2023, and the next elections will be in December 2025. Section had three ExCom meetings in person (November 2022, February and March 2023) and several meetings online. Since main activities in this period were focused on planning the activities with objective to retain and recruit members. Main events in this period were traditional technically co-sponsored conferences, as venues to promote IEEE and attract new members, and also regular way to retain and recruit members due to different conference fees depending on the IEEE membership.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB): University of Sarajevo, University of Banja Luka, University of Tuzla, University of East Sarajevo, and International Burch University. We are still facing decline in student membership, and this academic year was first after pandemic that all universities started with in class teaching. SB University of Sarajevo students participated in the IEEEXtreme 16.0 competition and was ranked among top 1000 teams. SB University of Sarajevo hosted 2-day competition Arduino Battles in October 2022. In February 2023, the Section elected two Student Officer Positions: Student Representative and Student Activities. Their primary goal is to work on the subject of raising student members in local SB and the Section in general. Student Representative and Student Activities member attended Section Student Activities Officers Training Camp, held in Antalya, Turkey in February 2023.

Affinity Groups

Bosnia and Herzegovina have exemplary active YP Affinity Group. The YPAG members participated in the listed conferences, and are planning to resume with traditional workshops and BHSYPC.

Chapters

Active Chapters in the Section are: PES and Joint Chapter IAS/IES/PELS, and later chapter was engaged in organizing the conference INDEL 2022 held in Banja Luka

Industry

We have traditionally lot of activities with industry (PES BH Days, etc.) but after the pandemic we are reviving these activities and mainly were focused on conferences sponsorships and subsequent industry presentations.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

BH Section ExCom follows activities of the Region 8 DEI subcommittee.

Activities since the last report

Main activities are linked to the conferences:

- INDEL 2022- Banja LukaTechnical co-sponsor http://indel.etfbl.net/
- INFOTEH 2023 – Jahorina Technical co-sponsor https://infoteh.etf.ues.rs.ba/indexe.php ;

The conferences are venue for ExCom meetings, Section members' gatherings, social and technical events, including participation of members from the neighboring sections.

Planned activities

In the following period we will have another conference ICAT 2023 and plan to revive Computer and CI Joint Chapter activities. We plan series of events to recruit new student members.