

## North Macedonia Section

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### 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 2023 ExCom had 3 meetings and several electronic voting procedures, all dedicated to deal with current problems and concerns, with special focus on the upcoming IEEE milestone celebration. MD officer had many activities to retain and recruit members.

### 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. The SB was the main organizer of the 11<sup>th</sup> ROBOMAC, a student competition of robotics and artificial intelligence.

### 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

Since the last report, two major activities of the Section and the Chapters were the organization of the ROBOMAC 2023, the student competition of robotics and artificial intelligence, organized by the Student Branch, and the celebration of the local celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Signal Processing Society, organized by the joint SP001/EMB018 chapter.

### Planned activities

The main upcoming activity is the unveiling of the IEEE Milestone plaque for the IEEE Milestone “2018-12 Brain Controlled Robot” planned for 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 at the Faculty for Electrical Engineering and Information Technology at the University Ss Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. 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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