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Section Vitality

Elections: The last Section elections were in December 2021. The new ExCom started its mandate in Jan 2022. The Vice-Chair became Chair. The date of the next election is planned for October-November 2023.

ExCom Meetings: ExCom meets at least once per month, but usually we meet bi-monthly; Each member of ExCom has a specific set of subjects to follow up, e.g. communication and students committees; chapters; affinity groups; financial issues (treasurer); industry; education and professional activities. We hold two extended meetings (with chapters and affinity group chairs) per year, normally one in Jan/Feb and another one in Jun/Jul.

List of ExCom meetings (between September 2022 and March 2023):
- meeting #25
    - Date: 16.03.2023
- meeting #26
    - Date: 13.04.2023
- meeting #27
    - Date: 27.04.2023
- meeting #28
    - Date: 11.05.2023
- meeting #29
    - Date: 25.05.2023
- meeting #30
    - Date: 15.06.2023
- meeting #31
    - Date: 29.06.2023
- meeting #32
    - Date: 13.07.2023

Activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained (between September 2022 and March 2023):

- Extended Excom Meeting (July 15 - morning, 2023) held at the University of Aveiro

- Chapters Meeting (July 15 - afternoon, 2023) held at the University of Aveiro

Students

Current status of the Student Branches:

- Active: IPVC, IPCA, UMinho, UPorto, ISEP, UAveiro, UCoimbra, IPL, ISEL, IST, ISCTE, FCT-UNova
- Non-active: UAlg, UBI, IPCB, IPVC, UTAD, IPBragança
- Newly formed: none
- Dissolved: none

List of the student meetings and Section Activities:

- Student meetings held: every month SB online meeting
- Extended ExCom, July 15, 2023

List of SBs:

Universidade do Porto	STB80701
Instituto Superior Tecnico	STB28512
Universidade de Coimbra	STB15001
Universidade de Aveiro	STB28351
Universidade do Minho	STB17191
University of Lisbon	STB11772
Instituto Superior de Engenharia de Lisboa	STB17621
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon	STB11541
Universidade Nova de Lisboa	STB91011
Instituto Politecnico do Cavado e Ave	STB11552
Beira Interior Univ Da	STB14681
Instituto Politecnico de Viana do Castelo	STB99393
Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto	STB11311
Instituto Politecnico de Leiria	STB14061
Braganca Polytehnic Inst of	STB61171
Instituto Politecnico De Castelo Branco	STB63081
Universidade de Tras-os-Montes e Alto Douro	STB37051
Universidade do Algarve	STB10183

Affinity Groups

List of Affinity Groups
- YPs, LMAG, and WiE
- SB AGs: WiE-IST, WiE-UC, WiE-UP, WiE-UM, WIE-ISCTE, WiE-UA, WIE-ISEP

Newly formed AGs/SB AGs: LMAG

IEEE-PT ExCom needs to support in a different way Young Professionals since this OU was very inactive and lacks activities in the past two years. The IEEE-PT ExCom held at least two meetings with all section OUs and requested the YP community in Portugal to send us ideas on how to improve or create new activities to empower this particular group in our section. In December 2022, we started to create a group of YP members to actively participate in the reorganization of the YP AG. We organized elections this year and the YP AG officers were elected and already reported in Vtools.

In January 2023, we submitted a petition to create an LMAG in Portugal, which was already approved. In September we will open elections in the LMAG to start the officer positions in January 2024.

Chapters

The activities supported by the chapters included the organization of international conferences, the organization of lectures and keynote presentations in several Portuguese educational and non-educational institutions, and technical-scientific workshops dedicated to specific topics. The chapters are actively involved in joint activities with the societies, including the organization of talks involving Distinguished Lecturers.

Currently, all 15 Section's Chapters are active. We already plan an elections calendar for all chapters, which was communicated to all chapters in the extended ExCom meeting held on 15 july.

The SB Chapters are listed as follows.

Instituto Superior de Engenharia de Lisboa,EMB18
Instituto Superior Tecnico, C16
Instituto Superior Tecnico, EMB18
Instituto Superior Tecnico, IA34
Instituto Superior Tecnico, RA24
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon, PT, C16
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon,IM09
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon,RA24
Universidade de Aveiro, CAS04
Universidade de Aveiro, MTT17
Universidade de Coimbra, EMB18
Universidade de Coimbra,PE31
Universidade do Porto, C16
Universidade do Porto, EMB18
Universidade do Porto, PE31
Universidade do Porto, RA24
Universidade do Porto,AES10
University of Lisbon,GRS29

Newly formed SB Chapters (from March 2023):

- none

Industry

Regarding the relations with the Industry, in the last year we celebrated several MoUs with companies and new MoUs are being currently negotiated. The MoUs include several types of cooperation, including technical activities with students, YPs, and members, and the participation in several activities organized by the Section (e.g. Engineering Day, MSc/PhD Awards, LBM, Leadership Camp, etc.).

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Currently, approximately 20% of the Portugal Section members are female. The Section is now working closely with WIE to leverage its' activities and attract more female members.

Activities since the last report

The Section is organizing several activities as described in the "Section Vitality" section. Some of the activities of special interest include

- Outstanding MSc Thesis Award 2023 (call launched)
- Best PhD Theses Award (call launched)
- Extended ExCom meeting (July 15, 2023)
- Excom meetings every month
- Student Branches meetings every month
- Involvement of Students, YPs, and WIE in the organization of the 9th IEEE World Forum on Internet of Things (IEEE WFIoT2023)
- Management of the MELECON 2024 Conference organization, to be held in Porto, June 2024.
- Organization of multiple seminars under the initiative "Engenharia em Discussão"

Besides the listed activities, the Section has improved the new website (https://ieee-pt.org/), where our activities are promoted apart from other helpful information for our OUs and additional information to our members (e.g. past Executive Committers and a list of the Section Awards over years). The IEEE Portugal Section Communications Team has been very active in disseminating and promoting IEEE Portugal Section activities in various forums and social networks.

Planned activities

At this moment several activities are in progress, several to be fulfilled before the end of 2023, notably:

- IEEE Portugal Engineering Day - a full-day hybrid event planned for November 2023
- Leadership camp 2023 - 2-day hybrid student event planned for the second semester of 2023
- Outstanding MSc Thesis Award and Best Ph.D. Thesis Awards (evaluation of the submitted theses and notification of the awardees by the mid of November 2023)
- Organization of multiple seminars under the initiative "Engenharia em Discussão"
- Organization of MELECON 2024, to be held in Porto

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

R8 could promote remote regional hackathons with industrial mentors. This could also be an add-value initiative for IEEE students and young professionals members.

Any other issues of interest

Please visit our website for more information: https://ieee-pt.org/