

## Poland Section

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### Section Vitality

Last Section elections were carried up to the end of 2021 for the period 2022-2023. Current voting results: the chair elected for the current period is the previous period chair. The vice-chair is newly elected from two candidates. Next Section elections: Autumn 2023. At the meeting of the expanded Management Board on February 3, 2023, a committee was elected to conduct the election of a new Executive Committee for the period 2024-2025. At this meeting, all Section Officers and Chapter representatives were asked to report on their activities and their plans.

On December 9, 2022, we organized the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the IEEE Poland Section in the Central Auditorium of the Faculty of Electronics and Information Technology of the Warsaw University of Technology. The ceremony was combined with the closing of the competition for the best thesis conducted in cooperation with the industry to promote the IEEE membership among students and young professionals. Currently we are starting new election procedure for the new Section Chair.

### Students

The list of Student Branches and Young Professionals in the Poland Section did not change since the last reporting in September 2022. They are active in: Elblag, Opole, Szczecin, Lublin, Warszawa, and Poznan.

### Affinity Groups

At the end of 2022, a new Affinity Group was established in the Poland Section, namely the Life Member Affinity Group. The list of other Affinity Groups did not change. There are the following groups: Women in Engineering, Young Professionals, Milestone Program Group.

### Chapters

There are 23 chapters of 24 societies in Poland (as we have joint chapters joining societies and multiple regional chapters for some societies). There are no student chapters. Recently, we have appointed a new chapter. It is the VT-06 IEEE Poland Section Vehicular Technology Society Chapter. Regular elections are held in all chapters. All chapter boards are valid, properly elected, and active. All chapters regularly report on their activities and achievements. Last time they reported on their efforts during the expanded Management Board on February 3, 2023.

### Industry

Industry relationships are very active. New actions are continuously undertaken jointly with the key Polish and international industry companies: Intel, Samsung, Cisco, Roche, Netcompany, QWED, Opegieka, Billon, Solaris, 3mdeb, Eltel. One of the most important actions is the student diploma thesis competition, celebrated during the IEEE Days. Last year all companies showed presentations in the areas of their competence: AI, programming, machine learning, blockchain, communications, power electronics, industrial electronics, and big data. The best students in the IEEE Thesis Contest 2022 were awarded during the PS 50th anniversary ceremony. Next thesis competition is conducted now by Net4Science company under IEEE PS umbrella.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We are continuously working for improving our diversity and equality metrics regarding gender, age, employment etc. We are strictly neutral to religion, culture, tradition, and political aspects. Poland Section is focused on technical and professional excellence supporting all kind of people. Link to IEEE DEI statement [<link>](#).

### Activities since the last report

Currently new student thesis competition is ongoing. We are starting preparation for IEEE Eurocon 2025 in Gdynia possible organization. One IEEE Milestone procedure is ongoing.

### Planned activities

Next steps concerning the prepared and submitted application of the third PS IEEE Milestone, this time together with the Germany Section, for the three-phase electricity and the first long-distance transmission of electrical power carried out by Michał Doliwo-Dobrowolski. Further cooperation with Polish and international industry is also planned together with SEP (Association of Polish Electrical Engineers). Continuation of the diploma thesis competition and activation of students in cooperation together with the new established LMAG. Further modernization of the PS Section website.

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

Further supporting our efforts to help the Ukrainian refugees with the electrical and electronics engineering competences to start their professional life according to the IEEE motto: "Advancing Technology for Humanity".

### Any other issues of interest

none