

**Section Name: Cyprus Section**

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### Section Vitality

Please provide information about the date of last Section elections, date of next elections, and do you have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair. Section ExCom meetings (list them and provide brief summary if appropriate). List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.

According to the vitality report the section's overall score is 90.0%, scoring highly in all indicators; the lowest score was on the Chapters/AGs/Students Branches indicator and this is something the section will strive to improve there is the potential for the formation of two new chapters in Control Eng, and Robotics and automation. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

- Continue updating our website <http://ieee.org.cy> and planned new sections with newsletters' updates.
- Keep metrics related to membership development. Contact deactivated members and ask them to renew.
- Motivate more members to apply for Senior Membership.
- Further enhance the collaboration between SBs, targeting the formation of a common event.
- Organize seminars and workshops for our members as part of the section's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Promote STEM related activities in schools
- Continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.
- Encourage the chapters that are not so active to organize more activities: a Chapters Coordinator has been appointed.
- Initialize and develop the process in order to be able to offer a corporate membership program -locally in Cyprus (in cooperation with the headquarters)- so that in this way different members and individuals from this industry sectors may contribute to the development of the membership numbers of the section.
- Encourage our chapters and the newly formed one; that are not so active to organize more activities.
- Planning to strengthen even more the Action For Industry: improve on the 23 Internships that were offered last year.

### Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting. List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

No SB, newly formed or dissolved exist.

### Affinity Groups

List of Affinity Groups (YP, LM, WiE, SIGHT, etc.), list of SB AGs, newly formed or dissolved AGs/SB AGs, if any since the last meeting reporting. List the activities intended to support affinity groups.

We have formed the LMAG for our section. The group will participate and contribute to section activities in the areas such as seminars and training.

### Chapters

List of Chapters and SB Chapters in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved Chapters, if any since the last meeting reporting. Indicate how many have reported on time and received rebate. Highlight some of the activities.

No new chapters formed or dissolved. The University of Nicosia SB organized the 10mins of my research event. The European University of Cyprus organized the seminar in Cloud Computing and Security, the University of Cyprus organized a Robotics in STEM for primary school children.

### Industry

List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Highlight any diversity metrics (gender, age, religion, geographical, employment, etc.), new initiatives, best practices and progress around diversity and inclusion happening in your Section. Link to IEEE DEI statement [<link>](#).

The current MC has a diversified composing (Chair and Vice-Chair) and the same is happening with our SBs. Based on this we will to address this further.

### Activities since the last report

Highlight some of the activities in your Section, with special attention to the things that work well, and things that don't, so that your acquired know-how can be used by other Sections.

The IEEE Cyprus Section in 2023 continued to implement the MoU agreements for internship programs with 11 companies from the telecoms, energy and computer sectors and has 17 internships for our student and YP members were successfully completed.

The Section with the Computer Society supported the EUC SB in organizing the Lecture on "Quantum safe optical and packet networks" by Andreas Jelinek.

The Section with the Computer Society supported the EUC SB in organizing the seminar in CS Topics

Title of the talk: "Introduction to Cloud Adoption", Charis Chari, IEEE Senior member

Title of the talk: "Cyprus Cybersecurity challenge", George Michael, IEEE Senior member

The Section with the Computer Society supported the EUC SB in organizing the UNIC SB in organizing the "My Research in 10 mins" event, where researchers presented and discussed their current research and its direction.

IEEE Cyprus Section offered the best graduate of each local University the 'IEEE in memory of Dr. Elias Kyriakides' award.

### Planned activities

Highlight some of the future activities and initiatives in your Section.

The IEEE Cyprus Section remains dedicated in sponsoring events, activities, competitions and seminars, related to new technologies and other issues that are for the interest of the students, organized by the student branches in cooperation with their Universities. The implementation of internship and mentoring programs through the Action for Industry Initiative will provide value to students and young professionals. Through the internships they will be able to acquire working experience and opportunities for future employment. We have appointed the outgoing Chair of our very successful University of Cyprus Student Branch as the Student Branches coordinator to stimulate all Student Branches to further upgrade their activities. The seminars organized frequently by the University of Cyprus Student Branch are especially successful for student recruitment. Other two student branches have provided the reports for their plans ahead indicating specifically major events where the recruitment of new students and members for the IEEE Cyprus section will be feasible.

Since vitality is one of the three focus areas of Region 8, it is also of high priority for the IEEE Cyprus Section. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

- Organize the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebratory event along with the IEEE day.
- Continue updating our website <http://ieee.org.cy>
- Keep metrics related to membership development. Contact deactivated members and ask them to renew.
- Motivate members to apply for Senior Membership.
- Establishing industry ambassadors and student branches liaisons so that they keep and create the procedures to achieve a stable cooperation between students and industry representatives
- Explore the possibility of establishing new collaborations and MoUs in Cyprus, with the Cyprus ISACA branch.
- Organize seminars and workshops for our members and student members.
- Organize and coordinate STEM and STEM for women related activities in primary schools and high schools.
- Continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.
- Initialize and develop the process in order to be able to offer to industrial sectors a corporate membership program -locally in Cyprus (in cooperation with the headquarters)- so that in this way different members and individuals from this industry sectors may contribute to the development of the membership numbers of the section [M. Efthymiou].
- Encourage the newly formed chapters that are not so active to organize more activities:

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

List any challenges your Section is facing and what support is required from the Region 8. Please, also, give us your suggestions for agenda items that you want to be discussed during the R8 Committee meeting.

**Any other issues of interest**