

## Section Name Bulgaria

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### Section Vitality

The most recent election concluded on July 17, 2023, resulting in the formation of the elected ExCom for the term 2023-2025. The composition is as follows: Professor Valentina Markova as the Chair (continuing from the previous mandate 2021-2023), Professor Todor Ganchev as the Vice Chair (formerly the Treasurer), Associate Professor Georgi Balabanov as the Treasurer, and Krasimir Tonchev as the Secretary.

We successfully conducted a series of both online and in-person meetings aimed at encouraging individuals from universities and industries to either become new IEEE members or maintain their existing memberships.

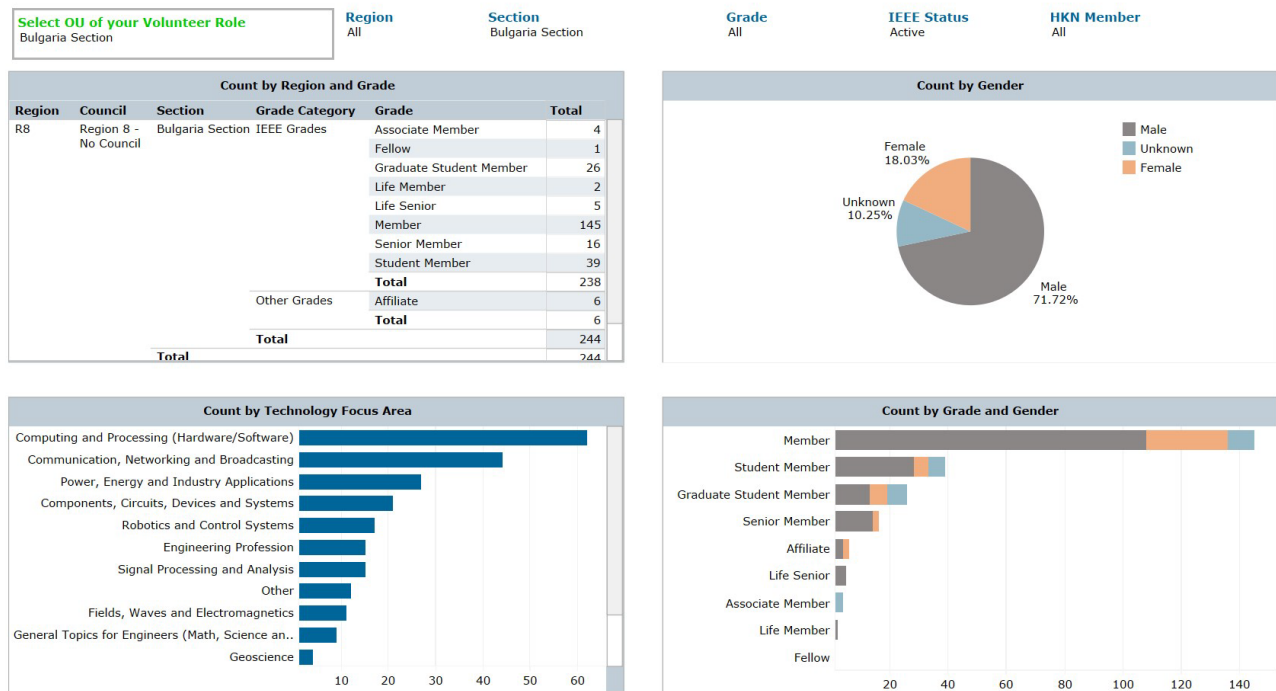
This year, the IEEE Bulgaria Section is proud to support 14 conferences dedicated to shaping innovative and cutting-edge content across various technical fields of interest within the IEEE community.

Here is the current and comprehensive information on active members within the Bulgarian section of the IEEE. This data includes distribution details based on gender, membership grade, and technological area, all extracted from OU Analytics.

### IEEE OU Analytics

#### Members and Affiliates - Dashboard

This dashboard provides interactive views for members, society affiliates, and participants by region, geographic council, section and subsection.  
 • Refine data through filters or click within a visualization to view results and details.  
 • Hover over a visualization to display a tooltip with statistical facts.  
 • **Important:** Choose an OU from "Select OU of your Volunteer Role" filter to view customized results for your OU position.



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### Students

There are three Student Branches:

STB36211 - University of Ruse,

STB36221 - Technical University of Sofia

STB60691 - Natl Military Academy Vasil Levski.

The number of groups remains unchanged.

1. Students from SU Ruse Participated in the 2nd Summit of IEEE EPS & NTC Student Branch Chapters, 17.10.2023, Craiova, Romania.

- Participation in the Eureka Foundation Awards Annual Gala . During the Eureka Foundation Awards Annual Gala 9 students and 5 cadets (two of them are members of our SB- STB60691, National Military University “Vasil Levski”, Bulgaria) were rewarded.



- Celebrating IEEE day and John Atanasoff birthday at National Military University “Vasil Levski”, Faculty “Artillery, Air-Defense and Communication and Information Systems”. Discussion on “The role of IEEE for developing new communication standards.”



### Affinity Groups

The IEEE WIE Affinity Group in the IEEE Bulgaria Section was created in October 2022. The special session “IEEE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING FOCUSED ON CYBERSECURITY” was organized by the IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group in the Bulgarian section of the IEEE during the international conference Techdefense'2023, which took place from November 20-22, 2023 at CASA DELL'AVIATORE in Rome, Italy (<https://techdefense.org/>). The IEEE WIE Affinity Group, Bulgaria section was a technical co-sponsor of TECHDEFENSE'2023.



The IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group aims to attract new members and sustain active involvement in various IEEE events.

## Chapters

List of Chapters and SB Chapters in Bulgaria Section:

CH08200 - Bulgaria Section Jt. Chapter, AP03/ED15/MTT17/EP21

CH08254 - Bulgaria/Rep of Macedonia Jt. Sect. Chapter, SP01

CH08266 - Bulgaria Section, CAS04/SSC37

CH08271 - Bulgaria Section Chapter, C16

CH08292 - Bulgaria Section Joint Chapter, IM09/CS23/SMC28

CH08298 - Bulgaria Section Chapter, COM19

CH08363 - Bulgaria Section Joint Chapter, ED15/SSC37 Varna

CH08438 - Bulgaria Section Chapter, RA24

CH08451 - Bulgaria Section Chapter, CIS11 Industry

All groups hold regular meetings and organize technical, professional, and promotional events. **Industry**

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

## Activities since the last report

The IEEE Bulgaria Section continues to support the scientists and science organizations in Bulgaria, which organize international conferences.

## Planned activities.

Currently, we are focused on organizing the IEEE Bulgaria FutureTech Forum scheduled for March 29th, 2024. The event aims to bring together active IEEE members and representatives from various scientific and business organizations in Bulgaria. During the forum, we will engage in discussions about the future initiatives of the section, fostering collaboration and innovative ideas.