

## North Macedonia Section

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### Section Vitality

Last elections took place December 2023 for the mandate period 2024-2024. Members elect the chair by voting. In the second half of 2023 ExCom had 7 meetings and several electronic voting procedures, all dedicated to deal with current problems and concerns, with special focus on the 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 11th 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.

### Industry

The Milestone event attracted special interest from 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

The major activity of the section was the IEEE Milestone celebration dedicated to the First Robotic Control from Human Brain Signals, 1988. The event was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, with participation of the President of the IEEE Prof. Saifur Rahman, President of the Republic of North Macedonia Prof. Stevo Pendarovski, the Rector of the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, as well as members of the original team that made the breakthrough research. Within the event, a Student Paper Competition was organised on the topic of the Milestone.

### Planned activities

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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