Russia Section

Section Vitality
Last Section elections of President and Vice President of Russian Section: Summer 2023. We do not have a tradition of Vice-Chair becoming a Chair.

The ExCom is composed of the section chair, vice-chair, and secretary. We communicate mostly through off-line meetings in Kotel’nikov Institute of Radioengineering and Electronics of Russian Academy of Sciences, and messaging apps and informal Zoom meetings to improve efficiency. Section ExCom meetings were mostly focused on issues of organizing conferences.

A special ExCom meeting discussed the problems with paying membership fees under financial sanctions.

Students
No new Student Branches formed in 2023, the existing ones are at risk of being dissolved due to problems with membership fee payment. We hold a number of conferences under the auspices of the IEEE in Russia.

Affinity Groups
We’ve organized Life Member Affinity group (7 members) in 2023. We communicate mostly through off-line meetings in Kotel’nikov Institute of Radioengineering and Electronics of Russian Academy of Sciences.

Chapters
We have 7 chapters without funding due to financial sanctions.

Industry
Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in Russia Section to foster Industry Relations:
- Annual conference on Academia-Industry partnership which attracts representatives of big industrial enterprises;
- Cooperation with national professional societies (e.g. A.S. Popov Radio Engineering and Communication Society, Inter-Regional Association for Ergonomics, National Academy of Electrical Science, National Academy of Cosmonautics; regular meetings with representatives of national industry;
- A number of scientific conferences and seminars where representatives of business and industry are specially invited to participate.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
No special efforts were made in this area.

Activities since the last report
The most demanded activities of the Section are scientific conferences (6-8 a year) organized by Section members. Most of them have been successfully run for 5-8 years.

Planned activities
The future activities will depend on the general situation in the country and Europe. Still, we plan to continue our efforts in servicing the Section members and providing them with IEEE benefits.

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities
At the moment, in our understanding, the challenges the Section faces are beyond Region 8 control.