

Section Name: Switzerland**Almedin Kavaz****Section Vitality**

New Chair was elected during last year General Assembly. Past Chair will serv as Vice Chair for this year as handover period. Next Vice-Chair supposed to become Chair at GA next year, respectively end of year. We implemented that ExCom positions are starting beginning of year.

Students

EPFL SB very well active. They organized Region 8 WESYP congress together with local YP AG.

ETHZ SB starting to organize first activities with new Chair.

Promising talks with other academic institutions to form new SBs.

Affinity Groups

Young Professionals Organizational Changes

- Kevin Pretorius (kevinp@ieee.org) succeeds Agnieszka as Swiss Chapter, Young Professionals Chair.
- Agnieszka Zagodzinska-Bochenek next steps are remaining in team, but focus on other activities.

Chapters

No changes.

Industry

Promising talks with new companies to support employees with IEEE membership.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Active WIE, SB & YP with diversity included.

Activities since the last report

WESYP 2023 congress report

From September 15th to 17 th 2023, the IEEE Student Branch at EPFL in Lausanne, Switzerland, hosted the WESYP – Western Europe Student and Young Professional congress. The Switzerland Young Professional Activity Group prepared a rich program. On the first day, Professor Ali H. Sayed, IEEE Fellow and EPFL Dean, welcomed the participants and opened the IEEE experience session, of students and young professionals in Europe. On Saturday and Sunday AM, career workshops and technical sessions attracted great interest from the participants. The Women in Engineering (WIE) workshops were particularly appreciated. Our sponsors presented their technical field of expertise and had a booth to establish contact. The participant's poster session showcased a wide variety of projects and concluded by a vote for the best entry. Ample time was available for the preferred activity: networking! The Student Branch was fully engaged to provide coffee breaks, the gala dinner, and a dinner with mostly Swiss specialties. A short city tour of Lausanne on Saturday late afternoon offered a glimpse on the history and lifestyle of this international small town overlooking Lake Geneva.

Planned activities

Several fundings for activities already approved. Mostly for SBs and YPs.

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities**Any other issues of interest**