

# **Poland Section**

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# Section Vitality

Last Section elections were carried up to the end of 2023 for the period 2024-2025. Current voting results: the chair elected for the current period is Marek Jasinski. The vice-chair is newly elected Piotr Samczynski. Next Section elections: Autumn 2025. At the meeting of the AdCom Poland Section on February 16, 2024, a new Officers of Poland Section and Stowarzyszenie Sekcji Polskiej IEEE has been approved and elected accordingly. At this meeting, all Section Officers and Chapter representatives were asked to report on their activities and their plans. On December 9, 2022, we organized the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the IEEE Poland Section in the Central Auditorium of the Faculty of Electronics and Information Technology of the Warsaw University of Technology. The ceremony was combined with the closing of the competition for the best thesis conducted in cooperation with the industry to promote the IEEE membership among students and young professionals. Currently we are settling up the new elected AdCom and preparing PS Internet communication upgrade. The Dobrowolski milestone is in progress. IEEE PS "Service Award" 2023 was presented to prof. Maciej Ogor-zalek, and IEEE PS "Early-Stage Career Service Award" 2023 was presented to MsC Jakub Zielonka.

## Students

The list of Student Branches and Young Professionals in the Poland Section did not change since the last reporting in August 2023. They are active in: Krakow, Elblag, Opole, Szczecin, and Poznan. In 2024 students organize IEEE CEuSYP of Region 8 successfully (Chair: Jakub Zielonka).

## **Affinity Groups**

At the end of 2022, a new Affinity Group was established in the Poland Section, namely the Life Member Affinity Group. The list of other Affinity Groups did not change. There are the following groups: Women in Engineering, Young Professionals, Milestone Program Group. Election in YP are conduced now.

## Chapters

There are 23 chapters of 24 societies in Poland (as we have joint chapters joining societies and multiple regional chapters for some societies). There are no student chapters. Recently, we have appointed a new chapter. It is the VT-06 IEEE Poland Section Vehicular Technology Society Chapter. Regular elections are held in all chapters. All chapter boards are valid, properly elected, and active. All chapters regularly report on their activities and achievements. Last time they reported on their efforts during the AdCom PS on February 16, 2024.

#### Industry

Industry relationships are active. New actions are continuously undertaken jointly with the key Polish and international industry companies: ABB, Intel, Samsung, Cisco, Roche, Netcompany, QWED, Opegieka, Billon, Solaris, 3mdeb, Eltel. One of the most important actions is the student diploma thesis competition, celebrated during the IEEE Days. Last year all companies showed presentations in the areas of their competence: AI, programming, machine learning, blockchain, communications, power electronics, industrial electronics, and big data. The best students in the IEEE Thesis Contest 2022 were awarded during the PS 50th anniversary ceremony. Next thesis competition has been conducted by Net4Scince company under IEEE PS umbrella. Industry Coordinator will clarify the conditions of cooperation for next competition.

#### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We are continuously working for improving our diversity and equality metrics regarding gender, age, employment etc. We are strictly neutral to religion, culture, tradition, and political aspects. Poland Section is focused on technical and professional excellence supporting all kind of people. Link to IEEE DEI statement <a href="https://www.ukindow.org">link</a>.

#### Activities since the last report

We are continuing preparation for IEEE Eurocon 2025 in Gdynia organization. One IEEE Milestone procedure is ongoing.

## **Planned activities**

Next steps concerning the prepared and submitted application of the third IEEE PS Milestone, this time together with the Germany Section, for the three-phase electricity and the first long-distance transmission of electrical power carried out by Michał Doliwo-Dobrowolski – clarification of the state of the milestone is needed. Further cooperation with Polish and international industry is also planned together with SEP (Association of Polish Electrical Engineers). Continuation of the diploma thesis competition and activation of students in cooperation together with the new established LMAG. Further modernization of the PS Section website and Internet communication.

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

Further supporting our efforts to help the Ukrainian refugees with the electrical and electronics engineering competences to start their professional life according to the IEEE motto: "Advancing Technology for Humanity". More visit of IEEE officers and staff in Poland and more training for PS's volunteers.