

Section Name: Cyprus Section

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Section Vitality

Please provide information about the date of last Section elections, date of next elections, and do you have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair. Section ExCom meetings (list them and provide brief summary if appropriate). List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.

According to the vitality report the section's overall score is 90.0%, scoring highly in all indicators; the lowest score was on the Chapters/AGs/Students Branches indicator and this is something the section will strive to improve there is the potential for the formation of two new chapters in Control Eng, and Robotics and automation. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

- Continue updating our website <http://ieee.org.cy> and planned new sections with newsletters' updates.
- Keep metrics related to membership development. Contact deactivated members and ask them to renew.
- Motivate more members to apply for Senior Membership.
- Further enhance the collaboration between SBs, targeting the formation of a common event.
- Organize seminars and workshops for our members and student members on technical topics
- Promote STEM related activities in schools
- Continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.
- Encourage the chapters that are not so active to organize more activities: form new chapters
- Collaborate with MoU partners such as IC2 in Cybersecurity and CCS in organizing common events
- Initialize and develop the process in order to be able to offer a corporate membership program -locally in Cyprus (in cooperation with the headquarters)- so that in this way different members and individuals from this industry sectors may contribute to the development of the membership numbers of the section.
- Encourage our chapters and the newly formed one LMAG; that are not so active to organize more activities.
- Planning to strengthen even more the Action For Industry: improve on the 23 Internships that were offered last year.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting. Two SBs have not been reporting, and we have interest for the formation of a new one in by UCLan. List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

Affinity Groups

List of Affinity Groups (YP, LM, WiE, SIGHT, etc.), list of SB AGs, newly formed or dissolved AGs/SB AGs, if any since the last meeting reporting. List the activities intended to support affinity groups.

We have formed the LMAG for our section. The group has participated and contributed to section activities IEEE Day2023.

Chapters

List of Chapters and SB Chapters in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved Chapters, if any since the last meeting reporting. Indicate how many have reported on time and received rebate. Highlight some of the activities.

No new chapters formed or dissolved. The European University of Cyprus organized the seminar on Cyber Security and IEEE Day2023 along with the 30 year Section anniversary and Security, the University of Cyprus organized a Python seminar and a 3D printing seminar for students and wider public.

Industry

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

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Highlight any diversity metrics (gender, age, religion, geographical, employment, etc.), new initiatives, best practices and progress around diversity and inclusion happening in your Section. Link to IEEE DEI statement [<link>](#).

The current MC has a diversified composing (Chair and Vice-Chair) and the same is happening with our SBs. Based on this we will to address this further.

Activities since the last report

Highlight some of the activities in your Section, with special attention to the things that work well, and things that don't, so that your acquired know-how can be used by other Sections.

The IEEE Cyprus Section in 2023 continued as a running program to implement the MoU agreements for internship programs with 11 companies from the telecoms, energy and computer sectors and has 17 internships for our student and YP members were success-fully completed.

The section organized the IEEE Day 2023 event, "IEEE: Advancing technology for Humanity", a brief history of the IEEE The section organized the celebration of its 30th anniversary honouring its founding members and presenting a brief history of its activities during the last 30 years.

The Section with the Computer Society supported the EUC SB in organizing the seminar on "Cyber Security threats" by Christos Yiakoumis. The current threats and legislation environment in the EU.

The Section with the Computer Society supported the EUC SB in organizing the seminar in AI.

Planned activities

Highlight some of the future activities and initiatives in your Section.

The IEEE Cyprus Section remains dedicated in sponsoring events, activities, competitions and seminars, related to new technologies and other issues that are for the interest of the students, organized by the student branches in cooperation with their Universities. The implementation of internship and mentoring programs through the Action for Industry Initiative will provide value to students and young professionals. Through the internships they will be able to acquire working experience and opportunities for future employment. We have appointed the outgoing Chair of our very successful University of Cyprus Student Branch as the Student Branches coordinator to stimulate all Student Branches to further upgrade their activities. The seminars organized frequently by the University of Cyprus Student Branch are especially successful for student recruitment. Other two student branches have provided the reports for their plans ahead indicating specifically major events where the recruitment of new students and members for the IEEE Cyprus section will be feasible.

Since vitality is one of the three focus areas of Region 8, it is also of high priority for the IEEE Cyprus Section. For the next period we are planning the following activities:

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- Encourage the newly formed chapters that are not so active to organize more activities.

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

List any challenges you Section is facing and what support is required from the Region 8. Please, also, give us your suggestions for agenda items that you want to be discussed during the R8 Committee meeting.

Any other issues of interest