

Czechoslovakia 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.

Last Section elections: 21.12.2023

Next Section elections (planned for): 1.12.2024

We had the practice of Vice-Chair to Section Chair transitions, however this year, the previous Section Chair is helping as a Vice-Chair.

List of ExCom meetings:

March 2024, Prague (planned)

December 15th, 2023, Brno (hybrid)

September 22nd, 2023, Brno (hybrid)

June 2nd, 2023, Prague (hybrid)

March 31, 2023, Brno (hybrid)

Annual meeting of the Section, January 19th, 2024, Prague, (jointly with Life Members meeting)

Activities to retain/recruit members:

No dedicated activities carried out. Those activities are usually joined with technical/professional events, whenever possible. However, no metrics/tracking is done.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting. List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

Student branches and their activities:

- CTU Prague, Czechia – new students, branch reactivated, vital and with many plans for 2024 activities!
 - Last year's activity: The 11th Prague Embedded Systems Workshop (PESW 2023) - Student posters, 06/2023
 - Planned activities for 2024: organization of PESW 2024, organization of student poster session at conference IEEE CNSM 2024, organization of workshop AMLIS 2024, student excursions to industrial companies and facilities
- Technical Univ. of Kosice, Slovakia – active branch, example of recent activities:
 - Seminar Forward for all: Smart Factory & Evolution Transformation, 12/2023
 - Seminar Management of Energy-sustainable Technologies, 11/2023
 - Promotion of Robotics among Elementary School Students, 06/2023
- Univ. of Zilina, Slovakia:
 - PhD Student Paper Contest, 03/2023
- VUT Brno, Czechia:
 - SB is not active, the SB Chair left the university without continuity

Potential plan to create a new Student Branch based on the actual student club in Pilsen, Czechia (planned)

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.

- Young Professionals AG – active affinity group

List the activities:

- SVOC FEL ZCU V PLZNI, ZCU Pilsen, Czechia, 04/2023
- Co-organization of International Conference on Diagnostics in Electrical Engineering (Dagnostika), 2024, (planned)

- Life Members AG –AG active since 2021

List the activities:

- LM AG meeting, 10/2023
- LM AG meeting, 11/2023
- LM AG meeting, 01/2024 – jointly with IEEE Czechoslovakia Section annual meeting; organized a talk given by Richard Selby “*Development of Telecommunications*”

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.

IEEE Communications Society / Signal Processing Society Joint Chapter

IEEE Control Systems Society Chapter

IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society Chapter

IEEE Industrial Electronics Society / Industry Applications Society Joint Chapter

IEEE Power and Energy Society Chapter

IEEE Computational Intelligence Society Chapter

IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society Chapter

IEEE Computer Society Chapter

IEEE Electromagnetic Compatibility Society / Microwave Theory and Technology Society / Electron Devices Society / Antennas and Propagation Society Joint Chapter

Student Branch at Brno University of Technology, CZ

Student Branch at Czech Technical University in Prague, CZ

Student Branch at Technical University of Kosice, SK

Student Branch at University of Zilina, SK

Industry

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

Excursions of students to industrial companies, such as Skoda auto a.s. 11/2023 organized by CTU Prague Student Branch, more to come in 2024.

Memorandum of Understanding between IEEE Czechoslovakia Section and several national companies in preparation during 2024.

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>](#).

DEI activities are not managed particularly, since our Section is lacking volunteers and officers. The IEEE Czechoslovakia Section is always open to members of all genders, age, religions, geographical location or employment, etc.

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.

Planned activities

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

Regular ExCom meetings continue in *hybrid* mode to reduce the need for travelling, (the most recent is scheduled for March 2024).

Renewal of a MoU between the IEEE/IEEE ComSoc and its sister organization –Radioengineering Society– happened in 2023; with joint activities in preparation for 2024.

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

List any challenges your 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