Cyprus Section   Aikaterini Papanikolaou, chair

Section Vitality

The Cyprus Section was one of the 49 R8 sections that achieved both recruitment and retention goals. 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

The EUC student branch with YP support hosted a renewable energy hands-on seminar, a lecture on AI and network resource management, social event for graduating students, industrial visit to Wargaming International HQ in Nicosia. The UCY student branch with YP hosted the IEEE Day2024 event. One more SB is under formation by UCLan.

Affinity Groups

The YP group has participated and support section and SB activities.

We have formed the LMAG for our section. The group has participated and contributed to section activities we had organization and training meetings.

Chapters

No new chapters formed or dissolved.

Industry

The collaboration of the section with the Ic2 in cybersecurity.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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 2024 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 General Annual Meeting Event and lecture "Renewable Energy, in Cyprus"
The section organized the IEEE Day 2024 event, "Introduction to the IEEE" and "IEEE new directions in AI research".

The ITSS chapter organized the ITSS workshop.

Planned activities

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 provides value to students and young professionals. Through the internships they will be able to acquire working experience and opportunities for future employment. 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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- 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 education.

- Continue supporting the Action for Industry (AFI) initiative.

- Encourage the chapters that are not so active to organize more activities: form / dissolve 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 number and diversity of internships offered.

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities
Foster more cross-country events and collaboration. In either f2f or online events using chapters and local groups.

Any other issues of interest