

North Macedonia Section

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Section Vitality

Last elections took place December 2023 for the mandate period 2024-2025. Members elect the chair by voting. Since the last report ExCom had 3 meetings and several electronic voting procedures, all dedicated to deal with current problems and concerns. MD officer had many activities to retain and recruit members, including a presentation at the ETAI 2024 conference. The section received both 2024 IEEE Membership Outstanding Recruitment and Retention Performance certificates.

Students

There is one SB in our Section (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University SB), and several SB chapters (EDS, Computer, etc.). The section ExCom as well as chapter chairs are in close collaboration with student representatives on daily bases. Activities have been undertaken to try to establish SBs in other universities.

Affinity Groups

The Section has two affinity group, the Young Professionals affinity group, and the Lifetime Members Affinity Group. The LMAG group was recently awarded Regional LMAG Achievement Awards 2024 for Region 8.

Chapters

SP001/EMB018, CAS004/CIS011/CS023, ED015/IM009/SSC037, IT012, IE013/IA034/PEL035, C016, COM019, PE031, E25/RA24/SMC28, as well as SB, YP and LMAG. All of them reported on time. We are in the process of establishing the Blockchain Local Group.

Industry

We are working to increase the collaboration with the industry. We plan to organize some of the technical events in the premises of the local companies.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The section is promoting and planning to continue the promotion between different target groups, to increase its diversity.

Activities since the last report

Since the last report, several major activities of the Section and the Chapters including the organization of the ROBOMAC 2024, the student competition of robotics and artificial intelligence, organized by the Student Branch as well as the IEEE Day celebration. The most important regional event was the Volunteer Leadership Training in Skopje, 5th and 6th of April 2024. Also, the paper selected at the Local SPC last year won the third place award at the SPC 2024 competition final at the MELECON conference.

Planned activities

Presentations of the IEEE and its chapter in the universities across the country, as well as to different partners from the industry. Signing MoUs with universities and industry partners. Student Paper Competition is currently open, with final presentations and selection of the best paper to participate at the R8 SPC at the end of November.

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

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Any other issues of interest

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