

## Latvia Section

Section secretary Nadezhda Kunicina

### Section Vitality

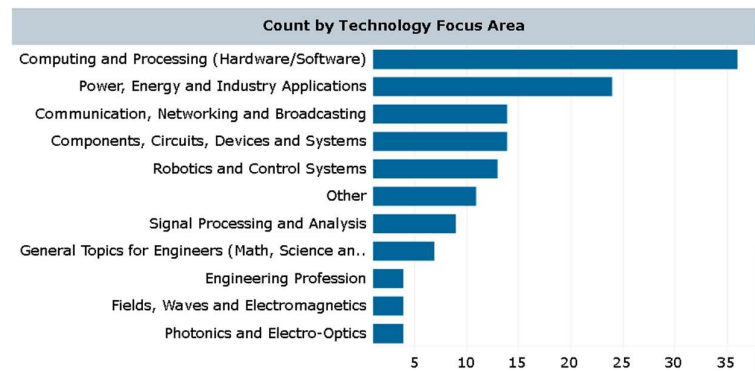
The process of IEEE Latvia Section foundation started in 2004, when IEEE Lithuania Section Officers visiting Riga Technical University. Finally, in 2007, during the meeting of European Nordic and Baltic countries IEEE Section officers, which was held in Riga, IEEE members from Latvia formed petition for the creation of Latvia Section. IEEE Latvia Section was founded February 16, 2008, with the first elected Chair Professor Leonids Ribickis. Since its creation, the Latvia Section has been working professionally in various activities.

The number of active members is almost constant on our section.

The number of active members for now in February 2025 is 168 active members: Life Members -5, Life Senior 1, Senior Members -13, Members - 84, Student Member 30.

The number of active members in October 2024 where 147 active members: Life Members -5, Life Senior 1, Senior Members -12, Members - 82, Student Member 14.

Chair: Anastasija Ziravecka  
 Vice Chair: Leonids Ribickis  
 Secretary: Nadezhda Kunicina  
 Treasurer: Andrejs Romanovs  
 Membership Development - Anna Litvinenko  
 Industry Relations Coordinator - Janis Zakis  
 Professional Activities - Arturs Aboltins



The date of last Section elections was on November 2023, date of next elections will be November 2025.

List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.

The face to face member inspiring conversations, is the best and most efficient tool for us, newer the less, the centralized activities, specially oriented towards new generation will be organised, for example co-sponsorship of annual events for IEEE students, like:

- The IEEE Workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering AIEEE'2024 organised in cooperation with Lithuania Section;
- Series of technical seminars for undergraduate students

-The Latvian section working in the continuous attraction paradigm, we are looking for undergraduate students to become of members and be aware about this possibility from very early stage of studies. The involvement of early stage young professionals is and most efficient form of attraction in IEEE Latvia section.

### Affinity Groups

List of Affinity Groups planned to be formed (YP, SIGHT).

IEEE Latvia Blockchain Group: Andrejs Romanovs  
 Baltic Affinity Group,LM: Irina Najdjonova  
 IEEE Latvia Section of Women in Engineering Affinity Group: Nadezhda Kunicina

Most important activities:

31 May The 11th IEEE Workshop on Advances in Information, Electronic and Electrical Engineering (AIEEE'2024)

2-4 October IEEE Day, IEEE Workshop on Microwave Theory and Techniques in Wireless Communications (MTTW'2024)  
<http://mttw.rtu.lv/>

3-4 October IEEE Section of Information Technology and Management Science (ITMS'2024) <http://itms.rtu.lv/>

10-12 October: 64th International Scientific Conference on Power and Electrical Engineering <http://www.conference.rtu.lv/>

### Students

RTU Student branch experience is based on attracting of new members, based on development to research try disseminating results of previous research are promoted during the study process beginning from bachelor level until the doctoral studies organising the annual student’s research conference. Therefore, during the study process the students can identify their research interests and to be involved into the research branches/ chapters.

- Internship Office cooperation in internship programs
- Special activities such as: IEEE day in Riga Technical University, Student lectures and ect

### Chapters

IEEE Latvia Section COM/MTT/AP Joint Societies Chapter Chair: Anna Litvinenko  
 IEEE Latvia Section Power Electronic, Industrial Electronic and Industrial Application Societies Joint Chapter  
 Chapter Chair: Ilja Galkins  
 IEEE Education Society Latvia Chapter: Guntis Arnicans  
 IEEE Computer Society Latvia Chapter: Janis Grabis  
 IEEE Latvia Section Student Branch: Martins Pride

### Industry

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

- facilitate bilateral research and industrial project development
- lifelong learning traineeships for industry
- collaboration with the largest professional associations
- organizing of Industry Tracks on Section supported conferences
- technical and financial sponsorship of local IEEE events with invited industry speakers
- planning of student’s internship development

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The biggest challenge is to integrate our temporary mowed colleagues from Ukraine

#### Activities since the last report

planning of new activities for prototyping school for students.

4 conferences organization

Regular activities

#### Planned activities

The technological development, industry interests and availability of new developers, as well as support of experienced academic staff opens new opportunities for the testing of new ideas and develop construction and prototyping skills in groups of undergraduate students are basic motivation for strengthening of creative thinking. Availability of laboratory resources and flexibility of students’ time planning is giving an opportunity to introduce market oriented prototyping and industry – academia internships from very early stage of education of electrical engineering students. The training students in new product design is a very good opportunity to connect entrepreneurs with students and in the same to teach students to realize new ideas and fulfil market needs, it increases motivation of students in teaching. Industry sponsor Latvenergo, already supported our activities.

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

Actively coordinated cross section activities towards project development

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Distribute e –notice CFP for all R8 members

