

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: 11.12.2024

Next Section elections (plan): December 2025, precise date TBD.

We had the practice of Vice-Chair to Chair transitions, however, for the year 2025, a new Section Chair was elected while the previous Section Chair continues to serve in the Section ExCom as Vice-Chair.

List of Section ExCom meetings:

December 13th, 2024, Prague (hybrid)

March 21st, 2025, Prague (hybrid)

Section annual meeting, December 13th, 2024, in Prague

- Industrial Panel: *What Industry needs from Academia*
- *Women & Technologies* talk by Women&Technologies Ambassador Giulia d'Angelo, PhD.
- Section annual meeting: new Section officers announced following the 2024 Section elections
- Activity report from the re-activated Student Branch at Brno University of Technology

Activities to retain/recruit members:

No *dedicated* activities are carried out. Any such activities are joined with our technical/professional events, if possible. However, no metrics/tracking is done.

Discussions are nevertheless under way to appoint an appropriate volunteer as the Section *Membership Development Officer*.

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 – Student Branch active with new students; the most vital SB and one with many plans for 2025.
- Technical University of Košice, Slovakia – *dissolved*
SB at Technical Univ. of Košice, (STB06391): Activities dropped practically to zero. No proper person to chair that SB. Decision to cancel the existence of the SB at Technical University of Košice due to long-term passivity.
- University of Zilina, Slovakia – *plan to reactivate*
SB at Univ. of Zilina, (STB14012): Currently *no Chair*; plan to *reactivate* the SB pending officer elections.
- Brno University of Technology (BUT), Czechia – Student Branch active with new students;
- Student Branch reactivated in 10/2024, new students, activities related to space-oriented talks and a gathering, October–December 2024, (co-organization with YSpace Brno).

Potential plan to create a new Student Branch based on the student club existing 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 Affinity Group, (YP80071): Currently *no Chair*; plan to *reactivate* the AG pending officer election, (past Chair: Jaroslav Hornak).

The past YP AG Chair Jaroslav Hornak is co-opted as a *non-elected candidate* into the ExCom at the Section ExCom meeting in Prague on March 21, 2025, and will continue help with the YP AG in the interim period.

YP AG elections are being currently organized, with Jaroslav Hornak running for the Chair and Ondrej Michal running for the Vice-chair positions.

- Life Members Affinity Group, (LM80071) – *active* AG since 2021

List the activities:

- LM AG meeting on December 11th, 2024, (online event, reported in vTools)

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 SP01/CAS04/COM19 (CH08278)

IEEE Control Systems Society Chapter CS23 (CH08225)

IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society Chapter EMB18 (CH08489)

IEEE Industrial Electronics Society / Industry Applications Society Joint Chapter IA34/IE13 (CH08679)

IEEE Power and Energy Society Chapter PE31 (CH08646)

IEEE Computational Intelligence Society Chapter CIS11 (CH08643)

IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society Chapter NPS05 (CH08641)

IEEE Computer Society Chapter C16 (CH08291)

IEEE Electromagnetic Compatibility Society / Microwave Theory and Technology Society / Electron Devices Society / Antennas and Propagation Society Joint Chapter AP03/ED15/MTT17/EMC27 (CH08101)

IEEE Reliability Society Chapter RL07 (CH08114)

IEEE Technology and Engineering Management Society Aust/Czech/Hung/Slovenia Joint Chapter TEM14 (CH08776)

Student Branch at Brno University of Technology, CZ, (STB21421)

Student competition EEICT 2025 (April 2025).

Student Branch at Czech Technical University in Prague, CZ, (STB13841)

Student Branch at Technical University of Košice, SK, (STB06391) – *dissolved*

(Technical Univ. of Košice SB, (STB06391): Activities dropped practically to zero. No proper person to chair that SB.

Decision to cancel the existence of the SB at Technical University of Košice due to long-term passivity).

Student Branch at University of Zilina, SK, (STB14012) – *plan to reactivate*

(Currently *no chair* of the SB University of Zilina (STB14012); plan to *reactivate* the branch pending officer elections.)

Number of activities in 2024 reported in IEEE Events.vTools: Section: 11 events in total.

Detailed breakdown in Chapters, AGs and SBs:

AP03/ED15/MTT17/EMC27: 9, RL07: 2, CS23: 2, SP01/CAS04/COM19: 8, C16: 2, EMB18: 6, NPS05: 15, CIS11: 4, PE31: 0, (although *active* – e.g., EPE2024, CEEKL 2024), IA34/IE13: 3, TEM14: 10, LM AG: 2, YP AG: 4, SB at CTU in Prague: 6, SB at BUT in Brno: 5.

Industry

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

Discussions within the Section ExCom under way to appoint an appropriate volunteer as the *Section Industry Ambassador*.

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, as our Section is lacking volunteers and officers for that. Nevertheless, the IEEE Czechoslovakia Section is always open to members of any gender, age, religion, geographical location, employment, etc. Moreover, we particularly strive for a greater inclusion and participation of women as Section's ExCom officers and other volunteers.

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.

- Appointment of an ExCom *sub-committee* for a more flexible response to organizers of the *established* conferences.
- Proposal of a simpler *online* management system for conference technical co-sponsorship applications instead of the current practice of sending those applications, supporting documents, application status, dates, decisions, *etc.*, *via* email, as attachments, to the Section leadership and relevant ExCom officers.

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 traveling, (the most recent one took place in March 2025).

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