

## North Macedonia Section

**Anastas Mishev, Chair**

### 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 several meetings and electronic voting procedures, all dedicated to deal with current problems and concerns. MD officer had many activities to retain and recruit members. According to the new MGA timeline, the election process for the period 2026-2027 has already started in August and is expected to be completed in time before the end of the year

### Students

There is one SB in our Section (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University SB), and several SB chapters (EDS, Computer, etc.). The MD offices is intensively working with two other universities on establishing additional SBs and their establishment procedure has already started. 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. Worth mentioning is that the best student paper at the local SPC was selected for the final presentation on the EUROCON2025 and was awarded third price.

### Affinity Groups

The Section has two affinity group, the Young Professionals affinity group, and the Lifetime Members Affinity Group. The process for establishment of WIE has already started.

### 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. We have successfully established 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 many technical events. The section provided technical co-sponsorship to one conference, successfully supported the organization of the Robomac2025 competition, and supported several initiatives on the country level (Formula Student, national award proposal for one of the life members, etc).

### 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.

### 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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