Serbia and Montenegro Section   Mladen Koprivica, Chair

Section Vitality

Last Section elections were organized in December 2024 using vTools, and the Section officers were elected for the period of 2025-2026. Next elections for the new Section officers will be organized in 2026. The Section has not established formal rule that the Vice-Chair become the next Section Chair, but in practice that was always case for last 20+ years.

The regular Section Ex-Com meeting was organized in-person on June 18th, 2025, in Palace of Science in Belgrade. The Section continued to support the events organized by different section chapters, affinity groups and student branches (both technically and financially).

In the year 2024, the Section met retention and recruitment goal and received gold medal for outstanding retention and recruitment performance. At the beginning of the membership year, section officers participated in the traditional group membership renewal process to retain most of the membership. Additionally, Section officers in academia done several promotions of the IEEE membership to university students.

Students

The Section has four SBs (SB Novi Sad, SB Belgrade, SB Niš and SB Montenegro). Since the last report section SBs have retained most of their activities despite the difficult political situation in the country. Three SBs are very active, but there is need for help from the Section in activating the SB Montenegro.

Affinity Groups

Within the Section there are 3 active affinity groups WIE, YP and LM that participated in different section activities. All affinity groups have been active since the last report. The section is continuously supporting SB, YP and WIE activities both technically and financially.

Chapters

There are 14 active chapters within the Section: COM19, C16, CIS11, jt ED15/SSC37, jt IE13/IA34/PEL35, MTT17, PE31, jt SP01/CAS04, E25, EMC27, BT02, CT08, ITSS38 and AP03. All chapters were very active and 13 of them received rebate.

Activities regarding the initiative to establish Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society Chapter in Serbia and Montenegro Section are in progress.

Industry

The Section is continuously being recognized as a reliable partner to the industry with several events strongly supported by the industry. Some events foster industry related session, in order to bring the academia closer to the industry.

Activities since the last report

Section Ex-Com meeting was organized in-person on June 18th, 2025, in Palace of Science in Belgrade.

In the last reporting period, the following conferences supported by Section were organized successfully:

- IEEE Zooming Innovation in Consumer Technologies Conference - ZINC 2025, May 28th-29th, 2025, Novi Sad, Serbia (https://www.gozinc.org/)
- 12th International Conference on Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering - IcETRAN 2025, June 9th-12th, 2025, Čačak, Serbia (https://www.etran.rs/2025/en/home-english/)
- 14th Mediterranean Conference on Embedded Computing - MECO 2025, 13th International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems and Internet-of-Things - CPSIoT 2025, 6th Summer School on Cyber Physical Systems and Internet of Things - SS-CPSIoT 2025, Budva, Montenegro, June 10th-14th, 2025, Budva, Montenegro (mecoconference.me)
- 60th International Scientific Conference on Information, Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies - ICEST 2025, June 26th–28th, 2025, Ohrid, North Macedonia, (icestconf.org/)
- 23rd International Symposium on Intelligent Systems and Informatics - SISY 2025, September 25th-27th, 2025, Subotica, Serbia (https://conf.uni-obuda.hu/sisy2025/)

At the end of 2025, the traditional group membership renewal process will be organized to retain most of the membership.
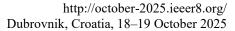
Planned activities

Next Section Ex-Com meeting is planned to be organized in November 2025, in Belgrade.

We started activities regarding the initiative to establish Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society Chapter in Serbia and Montenegro Section.

In the next period we plan to work on the initiative of elevating potential members to senior member status. This can lead to an increase in member satisfaction and can bring Section more active IEEE members able to attract new members.

In the next period the following conferences supported by the Section are planned to be organized:

- 23rd International Symposium Power Electronics – Ee 2025, October 8th-10th, 2025, Novi Sad, Serbia (http://www.dee.uns.ac.rs/)

- 34th International Conference on Microelectronics, MIEL 2025, October 13th-16th, 2025, Niš, Serbia (https://miel.elfak.ni.ac.rs)

- 17th International Conference on Advanced Technologies, Systems and Services in Telecommunications – TELSIKS 2025, October 22nd-24th, 2025, Niš, Serbia (https://www.telsiks.org.rs/)

- 33rd Telecommunications Forum - TELFOR 2025, November 25th-26th, 2025, Belgrade, Serbia (www.telfor.rs)

- 30th International and professional Conference Information Technology - IT 2026, February 24th-28th, 2026, Žabljak, Montenegro (www.it.ac.me)

- 25th International Symposium INFOTEH-JAHORINA 2026, March 12th-14th, 2024, Jahorina, RS, Bosnia and Herzegovina (https://infoteh.etf.ues.rs.ba/)

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

Region 8 can help in attracting new student members and young professionals by supporting programs and projects that will be delivered locally. Through these programs young people can be more engaged in IEEE technical activities, but also other professional IEEE activities, and hopefully attracted to become active IEEE members and IEEE volunteers.

Any other issues of interest