Czechoslovakia Section

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Highlights from the past

- Five student Paper Competitions, three in Slovakia, two in Czech Republic: SVOC 2013, FEI STU v Bratislava, SVOC 2013, FI Pan European University Bratislava; IIT.SRC 2013, FIIT STU Bratislava, EEICT 2013, VUT, Brno

Future activities

- Following student paper competitions will be supported by section: EEICT Brno, SVOC FEI STU, IITSRC FIIT STU, SVOC PEVS
- MATLAB course for IEEE members

Best practices

- More strict rules for technical sponsorship of conferences were approved recently. Only chairs of active chapter are allowed from 1.1.2014 to nominate conferences for technical sponsorship and the number will be restricted by the number of IEEE Societies they serve. Active chapter means such that obtained rebate in previous Year.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Legal Status Project. Representative fragments from ExCom response: "...our section is firmly established under "Non-Profit Vehicle in compliance with the law of the Czech Republic. This status may be not perfect but it is working." ..." In case the top IEEE management insists on such processes, we may end up in a situation NO ONE wants to be elected to ExCom ." 
- Two chapters with very low level of activities. ExCom is trying to find volunteers to take responsibility and to revive them.
- Concerns about quality of the many conferences with technical sponsorship from section. ExCom is changing the rules for granting technical sponsorship in hope to alleviate this problem. (Please see 3. Best practice. )

Miscellaneous

- Distinguished Lecturers programs