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## **Getting Closer to Industry**

We have settled a MoU last year with the Dutch association of Engineers (KIVI). KIVI members have mainly industrial back ground. Our policy is to organize joint activities. IEEE benefits by being more visible for (potential) members from industry. In addition, IEEE Benelux will organize a large event in Jan 2017 with the Theme "Electrical Engineering in the Benelux in 2050".

## **Students and Young Professionals**

 We have several active student branches in our section. They organize yearly events, like symposia. This works very well.

However, IEEE does not sponsor the student branches in a proper way. Additional money from the Universities is required to cover all yearly expenses. This could be an issue in the future.

## **Section Vitality**

Key is to make sure that all students become member. Our proposal would be to make all students of Electrical Engineering member by default. Some Universities cover the yearly IEEE fee for PhD students (e.g. TU Eindhoven).

## Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

Region 8 meetings are much too expensive in our view. A Yearly event would be sufficient.