

## **Czechoslovakia Section**

### **Getting Closer to Industry**

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Our Section encourages companies to get involve in activities organized by our members or units. Since the Section is still out of volunteers, there is no Industry Ambassador yet. However, we are planning to invite Industry representatives to our annual meeting. We would like to continue in cooperation with Industry based on activities for students and young professionals, which are the most valuable activities for both sides.

### Students and Young Professionals

Recently we have reactivated two student branches and our Young Professionals AG. The key factor was to find enthusiastic people and to get them involved in our activities. The Section financially supported 6 representatives to attend the SYP Congress in Regensburg. Since such events motivate the students, it would be worthy to organize more Region8 workshops a year or to send a group of Region8 SB/YP representatives to the sections and teach them how to run their SB or YP group. We are supporting events organized by our SBs and YP, based on successful events this year, such as IEEE Spotlight or IEEE Opportunities for Students and Young Professionals.

### Section Vitality

We have a stable group of volunteers which enables the basic functionality of the Section. However, the ideal number of ExCom members is far from the real number. The lack of volunteers forces us to work hard on basic tasks and we are not able to extend our activities. An IEEE meeting during a conference was a good success, when a new volunteer became interested in our activities and now he works with us. Such events can be easily done during the conferences organized by our members. This is one of the ways how to encourage people to join IEEE and to volunteer for us.

Great set of activities are our technical co-sponsored conferences, which increases visibility of the IEEE and our section, as well as they bring new members through the IEEE promotion.

Our plan is to continue with the MD promotional activities at universities, combined with SB and YP activities, concluded as:

- IEEE benefits for students and YPs
- Student competitions
- Conferences and IEEE meetings
- public visibility through media