Annual Activity Report of IEICE Europe Section

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1. Organization

Assembly of the Section

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2. Strategy of the Section

• Increase the number of members and senior members, especially young members, to IEICE-ES
• Involve different societies in organizing and participating IEICE ICTF Conference
• Involve IEICE members from Japan to join our events

3. Membership Development Policy

• Attract young people to IEICE-ES: tutorials; panel discussion; participation in all our conferences for free
• Organizing IEICE Europe Section conferences in various European countries

4. Results of Activities During the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year (April 2018~ March 2020)

4.1 Conference/Symposium/Workshop

• IEICE Information and Communication Technology Forum 2019 in Bydgoszcz, Poland
• IEICE Information and Communication Technology Forum 2018 in Graz, Austria

4.2 IEICE Sponsored Lecture (Including Participant Number)

• Several keynote speeches during IEICE ICTF Conference in Bydgoszcz in 2019
• Several keynote speeches during IEICE ICTF Conference in Graz in 2018

4.3 The Other Events in Collaboration with IEICE Hqs or Domestic Sections, if Available

• Twelve seminars organized at Poznan University of Technology, supported by the local IEICE members, for students and staff members
• 3-months traineeships for 2 students from The University of Electro-Communications at Poznan University of Technology

4.4 Improvement of the Section (Membership Evolution, Advertisement of Activities, Publication, etc.)

• Proceedings of IEICE ICTF 2019 sent to IEICE Proceedings Series (not published yet)
• Proceedings of IEICE ICTF 2018 published at IEICE Proceedings Series
• Involving people from Austria in IEICE activities
• Special issue of Journal of Telecommunications and Information Technology (March 2019) and (June 2020)
• Special Section in IEICE Transactions on Communications (2019)

5. Review and Future Plan

(1) Items in 2019 Fiscal Year Plan Which Could Not Be Achieved, and Expected Solution

• Very limited success in increasing the number of (active) IEICE members in Europe
  • Solution: Organizing more specialized workshop

(2) Activity Plan in 2020 Fiscal Year

• IEICE Information and Communication Technology Forum 2020 in Nis, Serbia, July 1-3, 2020
• 17th International Workshop on Cellular Nanoscale Networks and their Applications in Catania, University of Catania, Italy (IEICE-EUS support as well as IEICE support), September 2-4, 2020
• Seminars at Polish universities presenting the IEICE activities
• Involving people from Serbia and Italy to the IEICE activities

6. Constructive Opinion/Request/Proposal

• Involve people working in Europe for Japanese companies to participate IEICE EUS conferences
• Increasing number of papers submitted to IEICE journals