



Event Update

DEAR IEEE AUSTRIA SECTION MEMBERS,

Several changes took place in the section since the beginning of this year. The new ExCom - appointed during the last general assembly at the end of last year - has started the work. It is composed of highly motivated engineers, managers and scientists with a good mix from academia and industry as well as with long-term experiences in IEEE activities ensuring a smooth transition. The new Chair is Werner Drexel (Infineon), the Vice Chair Daniel Watzenig (TU Graz), the Treasurer Thilo Sauter (Daube University Krems & TU Wien) and the Secretary is Norbert Eidenberger (E+E Elektronik). The student activities in the ExCom are

represented by Katharina Pollack (ÖAW) and the past chair is Thomas Strasser (AIT).

The IEEE Austria section wants to provide big thanks to the former Chair and now Past Chair Thomas Strasser (AIT) for their great work, all their contributions and support for the section during the last years!

Furthermore, a lot of activities from the section, chapters, affinity groups, and student branches took place during the first half of the year. Many thanks to all involved persons for their great and hard work. A summary of the most important events is given afterwards.

Werner Drexel, Chair IEEE Austria Section

New Chair IEEE Austria Section!

Dipl.-Ing. Werner Drexel Werner (SM'17) received a master's degree in Communications from the Technical University Graz. He worked afterward as freelance for a semiconductor company with focus on wired data communication. Since 1998, he works for Infineon Technologies in the Chip Card business unit at the beginning as analog designer for hardware security sensors where he held several patents. In the last ten years, the focus was on hardware security concepts. In the last years the activities expand to data security and privacy. Focus is on government identification and payment but also on public transport ticketing.



122ND REGION 8 MEETING IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The 122nd Region 8 Meeting took place in Vienna from March 1 to 3, 2024. This meeting was organised for the first time in Austria. It was organised by the R8 ExCom with active support from the Austria Section ExCom and volunteers from the SB JKU Linz. With more than 170 participants, this meeting was exceptionally well attended.

The main purpose of this meeting is to coordinate the activities in the region and to network the member organisations of the R8 Sections. Accordingly, the meeting consists of presentations by the R8 Board of Directors and especially the R8 Treasurer. In addition, various committees present their activities of the past 6 months since the previous meeting and their plans for the future. Examples of reporting committees are the Student Activities Council (R8SAC), the Africa Council and the Humanitarian Activities Council.

Of course, social activities also took place. The highlight was a guided city tour of Vienna by night, followed by a gala dinner in the small ballroom of Vienna City Hall. After 3 days and many sessions, the meeting was successfully concluded on Sunday afternoon. The next R8 meeting will take place in Bordeaux, France, in October 2024. Further details are provided at the related [R8](#) website.



2024 Section Spring Event

Very similar to 2023, it was very nice meeting so many of you during our IEEE Spring Festival of IEEE Austria 2024 earlier this year in June 2024! The event was a great success with a lot of interesting discussions during the joint walk in the gardens of Schloss Schönbrunn and afterwards in Brandauer's Schlossbräu.

Many thanks to all the participants!

The section is trying to organise the event again in 2025!



IEEE AUSTRIA SECTION IS SUPPORTING STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The IEEE Austria Section is supporting students in enhancing their career and setup innovative events together with their study colleagues by offering two award programmes specifically designed for them.

The **IEEE Austria Student Mobility and Conference Grant** support section student members to participate at conferences, workshops and other educational activities in the fields of IEEE and related. The goal is to assist applicants to advance their education, make international contacts and gain additional experience. Deadlines for submissions are 1st of February, 1st of June and 1st of September each year.

The **IEEE Austria Student Branch Award** encourages innovative new concepts applied by the Student Branches and activities or events creating positive impact for students. If students created some cool new events or did something special they can contact the local student branch or the student branch coordinator. They will be happy to integrate their efforts and apply in one of the categories of the Student Branch Award.

Deadline for submission is the 15th of September .

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AWARDS

APPLY FOR THE IEEE SECTION AUSTRIA STUDENT AWARDS

Find out how the IEEE Austria Section is supporting you in enhancing your career and setup innovative events together with your study colleagues. The IEEE Austria Section has two award programmes specifically designed for students: The IEEE Austria Student Mobility and Conference Grant and the IEEE Austria Student Branch Award.

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MEETINGS

ExCom Meeting #4

Thursday, 19. September 2024, 17:00 - 18:30

Location: Infineon Hub @ TU Wien, Paniglgasse 1-3, 1040 Vienna, Austria

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OFFICER MEETING #2

Thursday, 19. September 2024, 18:30 - 20:00

Location: Infineon Hub @ TU Wien, Paniglgasse 1-3, 1040
Vienna, Austria

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IEEE Austria Section General Assembly 2024

Thursday, 21. November 2024, 18:00 - 21:00

tbd, Vienna, Austria

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EXCOM MEETING #5

Thursday, 12. December 2024, 18:00 - 20:00
Location: Infineon Hub @ TU Wien, Paniglgasse 1-3, 1040
Vienna, Austria

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