Partnership Proposal

between

MIT IEEE/ACM Club

and

IEEE Student Branch JKU Linz.
Overview and goals

We, officers of MIT IEEE/ACM Club and IEEE Student Branch JKU Linz, are proposing a partnership between the IEEE Student Branch of Massachusetts Institute of Technology from IEEE Region 1 and IEEE Student Branch at Johannes Kepler University Linz from Region 8.

The goal of this partnership is to establish friendly connection and foster communication and exchange between IEEE Members of those two sections. This partnership will constitute both the form of content and ideas sharing across the Internet and in-person interaction as an exchange or travel program.

We hope by establishing this partnership, we can encourage students from both Branches to know better about the other culture, and also provide a support community if the students study abroad in future Exchange Program. Another aim is to bring engineers from both Regions and Countries together, to gather new ideas to advance technology for humanity.

Activities

The cornerstone of this partnership would be an exchange program between the universities, and that should be accomplished step by step, by an effort of both Branches to complete the short, mid and long-term goals:

- *Short-term goals:*

Both Branches should have formal written documents recognizing this partnership and publicize it to their members, on websites or printed brochures. Branches should maintain connections over the Internet and provide a platform for students from both Branches to communicate. There should be areas and each Branches’ website to sharing research document, conference information, photo, etc. Students should be able to ask questions about other branch on the website as well.
- Mid-term goals:

Both Branches will send out invitations to the other Branch for conference or travel. The host Branch will provide guidance for the visiting Branch. Branches will be able to establish a in-person connection, which will help to strengthen the relationship of two branches. Some possible candidates are: IEEE Region 8 Student Branch & GOLD Congress 2014 in Poland, JKU Branch’s Trip to CERN in 2014.

- Long-term goals:

Exchange program will be established between the two Branches. A IEEE student of MIT or JKU will spend a period of time at the other university, and will be supported by both Branches. The host Branch will also provide a support group to give information and help with settling and getting used to the foreign environment.

Terms:

This partnership, if successful, will greatly enhance the communication of both Branches across the Atlantic; bring new ideas and novel experience for IEEE students in both Branches. In order to make this partnership successful, both Branches will need to put in great effort. Also we appreciate the financial support from the IEEE Boston Section, the IEEE Austria Section and also Region 1 and 8 for this boarder-crossing partnership. By signing this proposal both Branches, with support from the Sections, may fulfill the following duties for this partnership:

1. Maintain regular and active communication with the other Branch via email and other electronic communication resource.

2. Establish sections recognizing the partnership on Branch’s website and reserve place for collaboration over the Internet

3. Provide guidance and support if a student from the other Branch is attending to an Exchange Program or Conference in the other Country.

4. The Sections (Boston and Austria) should, as far as possible, provide the Student Branches with helpful information and support for a visit, conference or an exchange program, depending on the available resources of the Sections.
This agreement is not legally binding but is rather the promotion of cultural exchange, knowledge transfer and networking within the meaning of the IEEE.

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