

[R3-EXCOM2020] Young Professionals Report January 2021

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[SoutheastCon 2021](#)

Our events team are hard at work putting together fantastic program for the Young Professionals as part of Southeastcon 2021. Here are some details:

- Program is head lined by [Dr. Steve Cross](#), who is a former air force, flight test engineer, DARPA PM, VP at Georgia Tech, and IEEE fellow.
- Team building and Networking session
- Professional development session – We are looking at option like author and public speaking guru, [Brian Woolfe](#)

This effort is organized by a team of YPs led by Eric Cramer, R3 YP committee, meeting activities Chair.

[Mentoring Program](#)

Kristen Parrish, our mentoring Chair has transitioned her position of mentoring program Chair to another new YP leader, Deepa Phanish, this time from the Atlanta Section. Kristen set up a mentoring program from scratch and delivered great value to our members.

Deepa is now working to execute an improved YP mentoring program for our members in 2021.

[New MS YP AG Excom](#)

The Mississippi Section YP AG also got a brand new panel of YP leaders. Thanks to Randy Buchanan, our IEEE Mississippi Section Chair, for working hard to getting these young leaders recruited.

New MS YP AG Excom

Chair: Clayton Hudspeth, Entergy

Vice-Chair: Dylan Dewhurst, Entergy

Secretary: Titus Rice, U.S. Army ERDC

Treasurer: Sydney Lee, Mississippi State University

[Rising Stars 2021](#)

The region sponsored 20 YPs to attend RS 2021 this year. Interestingly, R3 YP Awards Chair, Chirath, shone at the event winning one competition. Additionally, participant and Miami Section YP AG Chair, Naznin Akter was also prominently featured in the event social media. The funding by R3 PACE funds made it possible to fund so many YPs to attend this virtual event. Thanks, Jacqueline!

Initiative	Region 3 YP Team Leader	Section
Webinars	Tamseel Syed	Atlanta Section
SoutheastCon 2020 activities	Eric Cramer	Melbourne
Mentoring	Deepa Phanish	Atlanta Section

Awards	Chirath Pathiravasam	Piedmont Section
Communications	Catherine Berrouët	Miami
Website	Vacant – looking for a volunteer	

Our Public Channels

We encourage you to **subscribe** to our public channels to keep updated about our activities.

- IEEE R3 YP [YouTube Channel](#)
- IEEE R3 YP [LinkedIn Page](#)
- IEEE R3 YP [Facebook Page](#)

Region 3 Young Professional Leadership Network

Region 3 YP leaders and volunteers are invited to [subscribe to the R3 YP Network \(Email list\)](#). It is maintained by the Region 3 Young Professionals Committee and used to share important information with the YP volunteer leaders.

Making a new YP Affinity Group

You only need **6 members** to make an Affinity Group and it is an efficient process that is completely online. If you plan to submit a petition, you can access it in [this link](#).

Have any questions or need support? Contact us at ieee-r3-yp@ieee.org

Submitted by,

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Chair

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