Student and Young Professionals Section of the Spanish Association for Energy Economics (AEEE)

Activity Summary Years 2012-2013

Year 2012

- The Student and Young Professionals Section (the Section, from now) was officially constituted, by the Directive Board of the Association, in June 2012, after some weeks of preparatory work (preparing our statutes)

- In summer 2012 we selected our image (logo, etc) and programmed the web, which has been embedded as a new subsection within the web page of the Spanish Association for Energy Economics. It can be seen here: http://www.aeee.es/en/youthChapter.html

- In November 2012, in Madrid (at Comillas University), we carried out our Inaugural Event. Almost 150 people attended, being both students (from several universities in Madrid pursuing studies such as economics, engineering, law, business, etc.) and young professionals (from energy companies, research institutions, government, regulators, NGOs, etc). In it, Dr. Gonzalo Saenz de Miera, President of the Association, presented the Association and the Section. Then Álvaro López-Peña, Coordinator of the Section, explained our objectives and how to become a member. Then, Professor Ignacio Pérez-Arriaga gave a speech on “The challenges of the global energy sector and the future role of youth in it”. It was recorded in video and uploaded to YouTube, so that everyone can see it. The link is: http://youtu.be/gfzVAsKaNwE In this session, information leaflets were distributed, as well as questionnaires asking the youth people “What would you expect from the Section?” and similar questions to understand what would be useful for them. We got almost 40 valid answers, and we are planning our next activities accordingly. A picture of the event can be seen next.
Year 2013

- In January 2013, the Spanish Association held its yearly conference in Valencia, eastern Spain. The Section had a special participation, encouraging young people to attend and to join our Section. In addition, we were in charge of presenting the Special Prize to the Young Researcher of the Year, which was chosen by the Academic Committee of the Conference.

- At the moment (March 2013) we are 18 members in the Section, of which 13 are in Academia (research or teaching), 1 in consulting, 3 in energy companies and 1 in other institutions. The members that want to join us are asked to fill in a questionnaire in order to better understand their profile and interests, so that we can better know in which activities we can ask them to participate (publications/research, organization of events, public relations, web/IT, etc)

- Currently, we are starting our deployment in Social Networks (LinkedIn)

- Later this year, in autumn, we will organize a one-day conference/session in Madrid, trying to involve not only academics but as well young professionals. We will try to place the event in a non-academic location, such as the headquarters of the Club Español de la Energía, in Madrid. The format of this session is being defined now.

- In addition, we are in touch with Marina González, Spaniard at ETH Zurich who belongs to the Swiss Chapter. They are planning to organize a workshop after the summer, and we would encourage some of our members to participate. Some members of the French Chapter participated last year. We are very happy to get involved in any other activities of our international peers.