

Simay Akar Biography

Simay Akar is an active IEEE volunteer since 2007 and has been serving several volunteer membership and leadership positions. She is graduated from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey

Simay is currently working in the solar industry in Suzhou, China- as Overseas Marketing Manager of Zhongli Talesun Solar Co. Ltd.

She was in charge of business development, strategic marketing and sales activities of CSUN Eurasia's "Solar Cells-Made in Turkey " in EMEA, LATAM, USA and APAC regions between 2013-2015. CSUN Eurasia Energy Systems is a Chinese PV modules and solar cells manufacturer, locates in Istanbul Turkey. She has been honored with CSUN Outstanding Staff Award in December 2014.

IEEE Volunteer Activities

COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

- MGA (Member Geographic Activities/Global) Women in Engineering Appointed Member- Young Professional Liaison 2017
- MGA(Member Geographic Activities/Global) Women in Engineering Awards Subcommittee Chair 2015-16
- MGA (Member Geographic Activities/Global) Women in Engineering Appointed Member- Young Professional Liaison 2016
- MGA (Member Geographic Activities/Global) Young Professionals Committee WIE Liaison (appointed by Mario Milicevic)
- MGA(Member Geographic Activities/Global) Women in Engineering Conference Subcommittee Member 20132014 (appointed by Nita Patel)
- MGA(Member Geographic Activities/Global) Young Professionals – Member Products and Services Committee Member 2014 (appointed by Tim Wong)

REGIONS:

- Region 10 Humanitarian Technology Activities Committee Member 2017
- Region 10 Entrepreneurship Sub-committee Chair 2016
- Region 10 Young Professionals Committee Industry Collaboration Coordinator
- Region 8 Women in Engineering Coordinator 2015
- Region 8 Chapters Coordination Committee (under Technical Activities) Student Chapters Coordinator 2013- 2014
- Region 8 (Europe, Middle East and Africa) Student Branch Coordinator 2012

SECTIONS/CHAPTERS:

- Turkey PES (Power and Energy Society) Student Branches Advisor /Representative 2011
- Turkey Twin Student Branches Coordinator 20092011
- Turkey WIE(Women in Engineering) Student Advisor/ Representative 20082009

STUDENT BRANCHES:

- METU Student Branch Executive Board Chairperson 20102011
- METU Student Branch Executive Board Vice Chairperson 20092010
- METU Student Branch Chairperson of Media Relations and Corporate Communications Committee

20082009

SOCIETIES: CONFERENCES:

IEEE Power &Energy Society Women in Power Committee Vice Chair – R10 Representative 2016

IEEE Power &Energy Society Women in Power Committee Vice Chair (Director of Events) 2015

IEEE Power &Energy Society Student Branch Coordinator (Global) 2014

IEEE SSIT Web Presence Committee Member 2014-2016

OTHER:

- IEEE Day 2013&2014 Team Lead (Global)
- IEEE Sections Congress 2014 Social Media Leader
- IEEE Ethics'14 Symposium Students and Young Professionals Liaison
- ISBIR (IEEE Student Branches Industry Relations) Project Task Force Member/ Public Relations and Communication Responsible 20072009

- IEEE Teacher in Service Program Trainer (participated TISP Training and delivered trainings both in R8 and R10 since 2012)

- IEEE TAB AdHoc on Women and Under-represented Groups Member