IEEE YPP Ad Hoc Committee Report

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How can the society assist and promote
“Young Professionals” actively and efficiently?
(this is also a way to advance our field and its relevance)
Issues and Goals

Observations often made by students/postdocs:
- There is not much out there for Information Theorists.
- There are few Information Theorists who made it.

We could change these impressions if we identify
- interesting IT related problems in industry (video, storage)
- fields where IT can have an impact (bio, control, quantum)
- IT people who are successful in industry (entrepreneurs) and/or other disciplines.
Possible Course of Action

- **Panels** at conferences where participants tell how Information Theory/Theorists could help them in their work (e.g., industry job search related at ITA) – in progress.

- **Awards** for junior IT graduates working in other fields and/or industry (cf. alumni awards, e.g., Hanan Weingarten)

- Regular **plenary talks** by senior ITs working in other fields and/or industry at e.g., ISIT, followed by an evening discussion with YPs (cf. Padovani Lecture, e.g. Mitch Trott).