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Membership:
IEEE Jordan Section has (as of April 2, 2007) in total 421 Active Members (1 Fellow, 28 Senior Members, 93 Members, 2 Life Member, 14 Associate and Affiliate Members, and 284 Student Members).

Meetings:
Over the past six months the Section, Chapters and Affinity Groups held more than 9 administrative meetings and more than 10 technical, professional and educational meetings. The IEEE Jordan Section, it's Chapters, GOLD AG and WIE AG did actively participate in the different conferences held in Jordan over the past 6 months. The WIE AG and the GOLD AG executive committee with the SAC organized a IEEE Student Chapters contest.

Collaboration with National Society:
Our Activity Secretary is working at the moment on finalizing an agreement with the Jordan Engineers Association.

Activities in the near future:
We are planning to have around 12 technical and administrative meetings and one major gathering for all of the IEEE members in Jordan, including our annual meeting in which we will announce the new executive committee of the IEEE Jordan Section. Our award committee is working on a draft to allow the section to hold a competition for the
final year projects of the different Jordanian Universities with the help of the local industries. We are now involved in two conferences one related to IT and communication which will be held in Philadelphia University (JORDAN) and the other on Biomedical Engineering which will be held in Amman University(JORDAN). Our WIE AG, with the help of GOLD AG, is planning to hold few activities. In fact the IEEE Jordan Section is lucky in having such an active executive committee for the WIE AG; its members are extremely active in promoting IEEE in the different places in Jordan such as the National Society (Jordan Engineer's Association), Jordanian Universities and other institutions. Their dedication and volunteer work is really a very good example to all of us and it should be recognized.

Best practices:
The good and well organized cooperation between the WIE, GOLD and the different Student Chapters in the Jordanian Universities seems to be a very successful team which may have a good reflection on the IEEE. These groups, with some extra support from IEEE at large, the Region and the section may end up being a very successful team.

Current Issues:
IEEE Members outside USA and Europe feel that they are not getting similar benefits or worth their membership fees. Also, more support to the WIE, GOLD, and Student Chapters is needed.

Topics to be discussed in Sofia:
More benefits are needed to members in Region 8, and in particular to the young engineers.

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