

SAUDI ARABIA SECTION REPORT

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The Saudi Arabia Section was established in 1981 and has grown to 2 Sub-Sections, 7 Society Chapters and 2 Student Branches. Besides there is GOLD and Standards Groups as well IRO. The total membership is 995 without considering current year arrears. A major drive is currently underway to increase membership as well as retain or renew old members. The Saudi Arabia Education Society Chapter coordinated the formation of a Gulf-Education Society Chapter along with other Sections in other Gulf Countries.

A National Society Agreement is currently under development with the Saudi Council of Engineers. Informal agreement exists with the King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM), the Saudi Scientific Society of Electrical Engineers (SSSEE) and the Sultan Bin AbdulAziz Science & Technology Center (SciTech) to collaborate in promoting technical events and symposia.

SECTION Current Officers:

Chair:	Nabil Al-Dabal
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CHAPTERS:

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STUDENT BRANCHES:

King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals
King Saud University

OTHER ENTITIES:

IEEE Standards Group; Industrial Relations Officer (IRO); GOLD Group

EVENTS ORGANIZED IN 2006 (Total of Sections/Sub-Sections/Society Chapters):

59 meetings were organized in 2006 by the various entities within the Section. Out of this 25 were Dinner Meetings attended by 80-120 participants on average. The Ex.Com. met regularly to plant out the activities.

EVENTS COMPLETED/PLANNED IN 2007:

During 2007 we are planning a minimum of 80 meetings.

So far, 7 meetings have been held. This included two technical dinner presentations attended by over 100 people.

The Op. Com. meets regularly in the 2nd week of every month.

The Ex.Com meets one every quarter to chalk out plans and report on accomplishments.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS DURING 2007:

4th IEEE-GCC Conference & Exhibition, Bahrain. Expected attendance over 700 professionals from the Gulf and European countries. website: www.ieeegcc.org

MIKSA – Made in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia competition. Expected participants from Universities and the Industry Kingdom-wide.

Nabil Al-Dabal, Chair