

**IEEE Nigeria Section Report March 2012**

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**1. Highlights from the past**

- Held an EXCO Retreat in February 2011 to review and agree on plan for the rest of 2011.
- WIE sensitization programme outreach to secondary schools students in partnership with Ministry of Women Affairs.
- Membership drive at Nigeria Computer Society and Nigerian Society of Engineers conferences July and December 2011.
- Support for Students Professional Awareness Conference (SPAC) in three Universities.
- Monthly GOLD Webinar.
- Establishment of a moderated Listserve account for all financially active members.
- Inclusion of scholarship links and job adverts to our Website content.
- Celebrated IEEE day in some organizations.
- Hosted ICAST 2011- 3<sup>rd</sup> IEEE International Conference on Adaptable Science and Technology. bundled with two workshops: Plain Talk on Power systems and Professional Activities.
- Establishment of IEEE Nigeria Section Facebook page, Facebook groups and IEEE Comsoc Nigeria Chapter group on LinkedIn.
- Publication of Section newsletters and Computer Society bulletin.

**2. Future activities**

- Implementation of Engineering Projects In Community Service (EPICs) - involving secondary school students, university undergraduates, and an NGO.
- National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) Outreach to be done in camps outside Abuja.
- Volunteer training for EXCO and students.
- Softskills/ Tutorials and EMC workshops.
- Awards and other signs of recognition/Distinguished Lecturer programme.
- STEP program( an IEEE funded program ) in selected schools.
- GYMN (GOLD Younger Members Network) conference and Gold humanitarian workshop.
- New website for all student branches.
- Website contest, student paper contests, Robotics competition.
- WIE Industrial visits and career talks.
- IEEE ComSoc Techpreneurship Program.
- Renew efforts to build and enhance relationship with government and corporate entities.
- Courtesy visits to various foreign embassies in Nigeria.

**3. Best practices**

- Development of Template/Report card to motivate Subsections, Chapters and Student branches.
- Use of Social Network/Teleconference for Exco Meetings to save cost of travels.
- Moderated Listserve account for all financially active members.
- Regional and local activities for increasing the scope of membership participation.
- Website content to include scholarship links and job adverts.

**4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion**

- Increasing youth unemployment.
- Widening skills gap - practical.
- Retention of student members after graduation.
- How to actualize National Society Agreements.
- Joint research & development work, and sabbatical positions at higher institutions to help enhance professional networking opportunities.
- Low membership amongst the academia.