

1. Major Achievements of 2011

- In 2011 Iran section launched a large membership requirement drive. Once all the UNESCO dollars are posted and registrations duly reported in SAMIEEE, we expect to see a growth in the membership figures.
- The expected growth is despite the fact that most universities have cut their student membership subsidies, and the dollar exchange rate has almost doubled in 2011 (i.e. the dues in local currency have almost doubled).
- In 2011 Iran section introduced four new awards. These are the Young investigator award (researchers up to the age of 40), the Senior research award, the Senior teaching award, and the women's best thesis award. This brings the total line up of Iran section awards to 9.
- In 2011 Iran section launched a quarterly student branches conference. These series of conferences are hosted by volunteer student branches and open to student branch officers from around the country. So far two such meeting have been organized in 2011, one in Tehran and the second one in Yazd. The objective is to promote inter-branch links and encourage dormant branches to resume activities.

2. Changes since the London meeting

- Following the recommendations of the London meeting, Iran section introduced a student representative in the board of officers. The student representative is nominated by the student branch which wins the annual best student branch award. The student representative is freely allowed to sit in all section meetings.
- Following the recommendations of the London meeting, Iran section has been involved in a long process to devise and implement a conference approval and monitoring system to ensure that the quality of the IEEE sponsored conferences are safeguarded. As part of this Iran section has recruited a dedicated member of staff, and necessary software to check for the originality of the indexed papers.
- Following the recommendations of the London meeting, Iran section launched a sustained campaign to promote the new eMembership service. We expect to see a significant increase in the number of eMembers this year.

3. Objectives for 2012

- To continue with the conference management improvement plan and implement some of the newly approved directives. This includes the new requirement that an Iran section representative should be present and provide a report from all Indexed Iran section sponsored conferences.
- To push further with the student branch revitalization drive. In 2012 we would like to see at least 50% of the student branches to be classified as "active" or "very active".
- Iran section has already started legal proceedings to formally register IEEE Iran section as a legal body. We expect to complete the process in 2012 and have the section locally registered.
- Establish the Professional Activities sub-committee.
- Establish dedicated server and data center for Iran section IT requirements. Currently a local university is giving Iran section IT services on volunteer basis.
- To expand the volunteer program.

4. Best practices

- Iran section has a meeting every first Wednesday of the Persian calendar months. Usually over 90% of the officers are present in all the meetings.
- A student representative is present in all section meetings.
- Iran section officers regularly travel and visit student branches around the country.
- Iran section has developed a very rigorous approval system for sponsoring conferences. The process includes a monitoring program which even extends beyond the conference completion.

5. New organizational units

- The first Iran section chapter was established mid- 2011. Since then, a second chapter has been established.
- Four new student branches created in 2011