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1. Highlights from the past
- Attendance at national association conferences (Nigeria Computer Society in July and Council for Regulation in Nigeria in Sept 2012) with a view to establishing partnerships and recruiting new members.
- Signed MOU for collaboration with Nigeria Institution of Electrical/Electronic Engineers (NIEEE).
- Support for Students Professional Awareness Conference (SPAC) in University of Ibadan.
- Technical Seminars at Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) and University of Lagos (UNILAG).
- Monthly GOLD Webinar.
- Supported Student Paper contest at Federal University of Technology
- Sustenance of a moderated Listserve account for all financially active members.
- Sustenance of scholarship links and job adverts at our Website.
- Publication of Section newsletters and Computer Society bulletins.
- Sponsored the Section Treasurer to attend the Gold Congress in Spain.
- IPv6 Seminar at Abuja on the day of Global launching of IPv6, 6 June 2012
- Publication of African Journal of Computing & ICT by Computer Society Chapter.
- New website for all student branches- www.ieeenigeriastudents.org.
- EPICs Project - involving secondary school students, university undergraduates, and an NGO.
- Courtesy visits to Spanish Embassy in Nigeria to intimate embassy with IEEE activities and her global nature, this facilitated issuance of visa to members who attended the Gold conference in Madrid.

2. Future activities
- Planned Robotics tutorial/competition Sept 28 2012..
- Celebration of IEEE day
- TISP Workshop
- Completion of EPICs Project - involving secondary school students, university undergraduates, and an NGO.
- National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) Outreach to be done in camps.
- Volunteer training for EXCO and Students Branch Chairs.
- Awards and other signs of recognition/Distinguished Lecturer programme,
- STEP program in selected schools.
- Website contest, student paper contests
- WIE Industrial visits and career talks.
- IEEE ComSoc Techprenuership Program
- Renew efforts to build and enhance relationship with government and corporate entities.

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
- Regular seminars in Universities and Polytechnics to enlighten on emerging and sustainable technologies.
- Website content to include scholarship links and job adverts.
- Standard excel template for Budgeting for Section meetings/Seminars.

4. Points of concern/Topics for future discussion
- Increasing youth unemployment.
- Widening skills gap - practical.
- Retention of student members after graduation.
- Joint research & development work, and sabbatical positions at higher institutions to help enhance professional networking opportunities.