IEEE Western Saudi Arabia Section Report October 2012

1. Highlights from the past
   - King Abdulaziz University SB Establishment Celebration, 23 January 2012
   - End of Year BBQ: April/May 2012
   - Management Meeting, Feb., 2012
   - “Pattern Recognition and classifications” workshop @ KAU SB (Female campus), Mar 2012
   - “Computational Techniques and Bioinformatics” Lecture @ KAU SB (Female campus), April 2012
   - “IEEE Talks” Forum @ KAU SB (Female campus), May 2012
   - Creativity at Work for KACST, April 2012
   - Saudi Construction Exhibition, 24 April 2012
   - Effat University Engineering Project Fair, 8 May 2012
   - Inaugural meeting - C16 CHAPTER, 8 May 2012
   - Meeting to orient new IEEE WSA section members, June 2012
   - Educational activities planning meeting, 16 May 2012
   - Planning and organizing WSA Section’s activities for Computer Society and educational activities, 21 May 2012
   - Meeting to Plan Values Based Learning Centre and L&T conference, 21 May 2012
   - Meeting to plan Learning and Technology Conference, 30 May 2012
   - Meeting for Microsoft’s collaboration, June 2012
   - Engineering Day, organized by IEEE Student Chapter at KAUST, 18 February 2012
   - Inauguration of Computer Sciences Department at KAU (Women’s campus) organized by IEEE Student Branch, February 2012

2. Future activities
   - Honor Imran Ansari for winning the best judgment award in IEEE XTreme Programming Competition, December, 2012
   - IEEE Professional Activities “Creativity, Innovation and Excellence in Management, and Project Management Workshops” conducted by Han Van Loon / Prof. Kurt
   - Robotics Workshops in Student Branches
   - International Conference at KACST, April 2013
   - Establishment of SB at Yanbu Industrial College
   - DLP Guest Lecture from Power and Energy Society
   - Establishment of PES student chapter in Yanbu College

3. Best practices
   - Outstanding Chapter Award IEEE Power and Energy Society

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
   - Funding WIE and Student activities
   - We don’t have an account for IEEE in Jeddah; Although we have a debit card but it cannot withdraw money because of the ATM network (SPAN) we use in Saudi is not included in the IEEE.

5. Miscellaneous
   - Awards and other signs of recognition: IEEE PES Outstanding Engineering Award to Dr.Raed Bkayrat (KAUST).
   - Distinguished Lecturers programs
   - National Society Agreements: Joint events with Saudi Council of Engineers.
   - Establishment of IEEE Student Branches at Effat University, Tabuk University, and Umm Al-Qura University
   - Concentrate on vitality-related success factors:
     - MOU with KAU (Women’s Section)
     - MOU with Microsoft Arabia, Cisco Saudi Arabia
     - Saudi Development Training Program Initiative in collaboration with Microsoft Arabia