
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