

IEEE Iran Section Report April 2013

1. Highlights from the past

- Won the highest percentage of membership growth award for two successive years
- Organized annual National Student Counselors Assembly, regularly. This assembly is usually held on October, when the student branch representatives and counselors gather and discuss their achievements and exchange their experiences.
- Organized general annual IEEE Iran Section Congress, regularly. The congress is usually held along with Iranian Conference on Electrical Engineering Electrical Engineering in May. This event is open to all IEEE and non-IEEE members. In this assembly, a report on annual activities of the Iran Section is given by the board of directors and officers and the Iran Section awards are bestowed to the winners.
- Celebrated the 40th anniversary of IEEE in Iran

2. Future activities

- Invite distinguished national/international researchers and introduce their researches in various scientific frameworks such as talks and webinars
- Promote international collaboration of the IEEE Iran Section committees with their counterparts in Region 8 and other regions
- Promote Chapters and professional activities. The IEEE Iran Section is planning to encourage professionals to establish at least 5 Chapters by the end of 2013.
- Increase the number of national and international awards. In the memory of distinguished Iranian scientists and professors, the IEEE Iran Section is planning to announce three national awards carrying the name of our scientists.
- Promote Iranian industry involvements in IEEE activities.
- Enhance networking and promote membership in WIE. In May 2013, Iran Section WIE is organizing a general meeting in Mashhad. In this meeting, WIE announces its plans for enhancement of Iranian women participation in engineering

3. Best practices

- Facilitating renewal and registering IEEE membership. The IEEE Iran Section is promoting Iranian student membership by encouraging universities and companies to subsidize their membership fees
- Technically Sponsoring over 50 conferences carrying the IEEE Iran Section logo and/or index their articles in IEEEExplore
- Holding monthly meeting with executive committee of the IEEE Iran Section. In these meetings, more than 90% of the officers are present and present/discuss on their activities.

4. Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- To be a partner in developing national standards
- To contribute in preparation of a roadmap for education and research in areas within the scope of IEEE

5. Miscellaneous

- Signed agreement with Communication Regulatory Authority. Based on this agreement a close cooperation in areas of standards, education, and membership development between the IEEE Iran Section and national communications industry is started.
- Recognized national successful and motivated researchers and instructors by designating various awards, namely, Research Award, Educational and Teaching Award, Young Investigator Award (YIA), Best PhD Thesis Award, Best M.Sc. Thesis Award, Best B.Sc. Thesis Award, and Best Women Student Thesis Award. The prizes are awarded in the annual Iran Section meeting
- Encouraged student branch activities by designating the Best Student Branch award and Best Student Branch Counselor Award. The prizes are awarded in the annual Iran Section Congress.
- Promoted new student branches. Up to now, there are 28 active student branches nationwide. The student branches are encouraged to promote their activities regularly, in particular through their website. Currently, a total number of 14 student branches have launched their websites which are also linked to the IEEE Iran Section website.
- Hold election in October 2012 for the new Board of Directors. The elected board along with their officers started their activities in January 2013. The mission and vision of the newly elected board is announced