

IEEE Kuwait Section Report April 2013

1. Highlights from the past

- IEEE Kuwait University Student Branch
 1. IEEE Kuwait University Student Branch Organized in January 2013 the IEEE open Day Technical and Social Event in the Engineering College Campus, where many future engineers participated and joined IEEE as Student members.
 2. 2 days Workshop Held in Kuwait University organized by Dr. Abdulla Al Qalaaf, IEEE Kuwait Section Board member, under the title of Engineering Technical Writing. Many Electrical Department Students participated in the workshops.
- Women In Engineering Affinity Group
 1. Women In Engineering Affinity Group led by Eng. Bashayer Alawwad worked with volunteers from the college of Engineering in Kuwait University and some private Educational Institutions to organize IEEE related social Events to provide the participants and the volunteers the ability to understand the different facilities and services IEEE could provide to the members.
- IEEE EMBS- KUWAIT Chapter (very Active Chapter)
 IEEE EMBS- KUWAIT Chapter Activities and Accomplishments
 1. Consulting Services
 The IEEE Kuwait Section Biomedical Engineering Consulting Team offer free-of-charge consulting services in the fields of biomedical engineering and healthcare technology to public institutions in Kuwait and the GCC.
 Offered consultancy to the King Faisal University advisory board in-charge of establishing an undergraduate program in biomedical engineering at King Faisal University, KSA (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) dedicated to female students.
- IEEE Kuwait Section Biomedical Chapter Professional Development Programs
 1. Offered a one-day workshop on “Healthcare Technology Procurement for the 21st Century” in partnership with Kuwait Life Sciences Company, Kuwait as a part of Kuwait Medical Congress 2013 held in March 2013.
- IEEE Kuwait Section Biomedical Chapter participation in Conferences:
 1. Represented Kuwait in the Arab Health Congress 2013, Dubai, UAE in January 2013 in a talk titled, “To Reform is to Engineer: Biomedical Engineers Reforming Healthcare”
 2. Represented the Chapter in the Second GCC Conference on E-Health 2013, Kuwait in March 2013 in a talk titled, “For Care We Regulate: m-Health and e-Health on Regulations”
- IEEE Kuwait Section Social Activities
 1. In 2013, announced a social initiative “Safe Camping” to promote safe camping practices in Kuwait.
- Regional and global events hosted by IEEE Kuwait Section:
 1. IEEE Kuwait Section working hand by hand with the other GCC Sections (Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia , United Arab Emirates and Kuwait) to Launch the 7th IEEE GCC Conference to be held Doha Qatar on November 2013.

5. Miscellaneous

- IEEE Kuwait Section continues to work and participate actively in many Technical and Social activities together with all related Chapters , Branches and affinity groups in Kuwait and in the Arabian Gulf Countries (GCC). The aim is to promote, inform and educate the professional community in Kuwait about the increasing role of engineering in Electronics, Electrical, IT and medicine and healthcare delivery.
- Successful achievements led to increase in number of memberships in IEEE Kuwait Section. IEEE MD report of 2013 indicates the vast rise of membership in Kuwait Section. As per February 2013 IEEE MD report, Kuwait Section achieved a top position on Year-over-Year Recruiting New Members in Region-8:

Section	Feb 2013	Feb 2012	# Change	% Change
Kuwait Section	68	13	55	423.08

- The Kuwait Committee of Biomedical Engineers (KCBME), a professional group within Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE), which is dedicated to service the biomedical engineering profession in Kuwait, was upgraded in winter 2008 to a full professional society bearing the name of Kuwait Association for Biomedical Engineers (KABME).
- IEEE Kuwait Section held a series of professional training courses and workshops to elevate awareness and to educate professionals working in both public and