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Highlights from the past
- New ExCom has been elected (term 2013-2014) http://sites.ieee.org/tunisia-sfax/committee/
- 2013 International Conference on Advanced Logistics and Transport (ICALT), on May 29-31, 2013, technically co-sponsored by the IEEE ITS Society http://www.icalt.org/2013/
- 3rd Robotics Competition (RoboComp) on Dec. 22, 2012 http://robocomp.regim.org/
- Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Applications (WIMTA), on May 31-June 2, 2013 http://regim.org/activities/wimta/
- IEEE RAS Distinguished Lectures by Prof. Klaus Schilling (Germany), May 2013
- Industry visit to LEONI company in Sousse, May 30, 2013
- Senior member campaign. Till now, 3 Members were elevated to Senior Member.

Future activities
1. Promote IEEExtreme 7.0 and help students to participate in the event
2. IEEE day on October 1st, 2013
3. Help students to participate in the IEEE R8 Student paper contest
4. TISP workshop
5. Int. conf. on Individual and Collective Behaviors in Robotics (ICBR) on December 15-17, 2013, technically co-sponsored by the IEEE RA Society http://icbr.regim.org/
- 4th Robotics Competition (RoboComp) on Dec. 16, 2013, sponsored by the IEEE RA Society http://robocomp.regim.org/
6. 3rd International Conference on Intelligent Machines (ICIM) on May 1-4, 2014, technically co-sponsored by the IEEE SMC Society http://icim.regim.org/
7. 3rd International Conference on Advanced Logistics and Transport (ICALT), on May 1-3, 2014, technically co-sponsored by the IEEE ITS Society http://www.icalt.org/2014/
8. Plan to organize a Summer School on Computational Intelligence in Multimedia Information Processing (CIMIP), to be sponsored by the IEEE CI Society http://cimip.regim.org/

Best practices
- Collaboration with top engineering schools and the Sfax ICT Technopark
- Use of website, email, and Facebook for communication with IEEE members and no-members
- Organization of IEEE booths during IEEE and no-IEEE events and in Sfax scientific fair. As result, the number of members in the subsection goes from 177 on Dec. 2011 to 354 on Aug. 2013. Furthermore, our efforts helped the MD of the Tunisia section
- Collaboration with national scientific association (ASARIT) to facilitate payment of membership fees
- Cooperation with student branches, affinity groups, chapters, and student chapters.
- Cooperation with Google Developers Group (GDG) in Sfax
- Publish main activities reports in R8 newsletter
- Help students to create student branches
- Encourage researchers to join societies and help them to join/create technical chapters

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
- Compliance of IEEE volunteers to the IEEE bylaws
- Invitation of subsection representatives to the R8 meetings
- Legal status with local authorities and public bodies
- Promote IEEE activities in Africa by organizing some R8 meetings in Africa. Only Egypt held an R8 meeting on 2000. It will be a great pleasure to host one of the next R8 meetings in Tunisia.

Miscellaneous
- GOLD Tunisia AG (ExCom members belong to Sfax subsection) won the GOLD hall of fame award
- National Engineering school of Sfax (ENIS) SB won the R8 Exemplary student branch award
- New student branch chapter in ENIS SB on Power & Energy society
- National Engineering school of Sfax (ENIS) SB won the 2013 Student Enterprise Award
- National Engineering school of Sfax (ENIS) SB participated in the EPICS program