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Highlights from the past

- The IEEE Bahrain Section setup WIE affinity group. WIE team developed 2013-2014 WIE Plan to start executing it in September 2013. The WIE aim is to encourage women in the Kingdom of Bahrain to follow their dreams in all fields of Engineering and providing them all the needed support through organized programs and events
- The IEEE Bahrain Section has successfully Technical Co-Sponsorship of the 2013 Fourth International Conference on e-Learning "Best Practices in Management, Design and Development of e-Courses: Standards of Excellence and Creativity" to be held on May 5-7th, 2103 at Crown Plaza Hotel, Bahrain. The significant contribution to this conference by the section has created a lot of awareness and interest in IEEE and brought a lot of applauses and appreciations from people and a top senior Bahrain Government official (H.H. Shaikh Mohammed Bin Mubarik Al-Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister)
- The 7th IEEE GCC Conference and Exhibition, Qatar, Nov. 17-20th, 2013, run an official launch of the conference by holding a national press release on Jun. 26th , 2013, Qatar

Future activities

- The IEEE Bahrain Section will setup a new Student Activities Committee (SAC) team members. SAC focus will be on University of Bahrain (UoB) students. SAC team will develop 2013-2014 SAC Plan
- WIE to carry out two activities:
  - UoB Introductory Day, Sep. 16th, 2013
  - IEEE Bahrain WIE Introductory Day, Sep. 28th, 2013
- The IEEE Bahrain Section to organize "2013 Workshop - Hot topic on Power" as part of the UoB Power Chapter Activities in 1st Semester term, 2013-2014
- The IEEE Bahrain Section will continue in organizing the 7th IEEE GCC Conference and Exhibition with the collaboration of the IEEE GCC Sections to be held in Qatar, Nov. 17-20th, 2013
- IEEE Bahrain Section website re-design and development
- Development/print of IEEE Bahrain Section brochure

Best practices

- IEEE Bahrain Section has set its focus on students with the aim to get more members from this community, who will be the future executive of IEEE Bahrain Section and to inject fresh and innovative youth drivers of IEEE mission

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- How to increase students members and push student activities
- Build/form SAC at other universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Boost WIE activities
- How to motivate current local member to get involved in IEEE activities and help in promoting IEEE

Miscellaneous

- Cooperation with the professional societies in/outside the Kingdom of Bahrain