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Highlights from the past
- Attendance at the Council for Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) Assembly to recruit new members and also meet the officials for collaboration, August 21 - 23, 2013.
- Courtesy visit to National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) Chief Executive Officer to explore opportunities for collaboration and support for IEEE NIGERCON Conference, August 20, 2013.
- Courtesy visit to Minister for Communication Technology to increase IEEE Visibility in Nigeria, September 6, 2013.
- Technical Seminar on Microcontroller programming and Essentials of Process Control at University of Port Harcourt, March 16, 2013.
- Completion of EPICs Project - involving secondary school students, university undergraduates, and an NGO OLA Foundation, Lagos, in April 17, 2013.
- Volunteer training for EXCO, Students Branch Chairs, and other members, May 18, 2013.
- Co-sponsorship of the 9th International Conference and Exhibition on Power & Telecommunications (ICEPT) 2013, Onitsha, Nigeria, October 7-11, 2013.
- Participation in a Private secondary school Seminar- Technologies for 21st Century Classroom. September 19, 2013.

Future activities
- IEEE NIGERCON 2013 Conference, planned for November 14 – 16, 2013
- Professional Activities Workshop, November 15, 2013.
- TISP Workshop, November 15, 2013.
- Award night Nov 16, 2013.
- Computer Society Seminar, Lokoja, October 2013.
- EMC Seminar, March 2013.
- Volunteer training for EXCO and Students Branch Chairs, 13 November, 2013.
- WIE Industrial visits and career talks.
- Visits to government and corporate entities to enhance relationship and increase IEEE visibility.
- IEEE Day Celebrations.
- 2014 IEEE 6th International Conference On Adaptive Science & Technology (ICAST)

Best practices
- Website content includes scholarship links and job adverts.
- Moderated Listserve account for all financially active members.
- Active Facebook Group pages.
- Customized member birthday greeting cards.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion
- Allowing freshly graduated student members to continue to pay student fees for two years until they get jobs.
- Joint research & development work, and sabbatical positions at higher institutions to help enhance professional networking opportunities.
- Creating Investment opportunities in the areas of Internet of Things (IoT) and Future Internet (FI), in the ICT and Power Industries, as well as involving the Academia to test viable solutions in these fields for better collaboration.