

Iran Section**Farzaneh Abdollahi****Highlights from the past**

- Won the 2012 Outstanding Section Award of Region 8.
- Won the highest percentage of membership growth award for two successive years
- Organized annual National Student Counselors Assembly on October of each year in which the student branch representatives and counselors attend.
- Organized general annual IEEE Iran Section Congress, during the Iranian Conference on Electrical Engineering in May and is open to all IEEE and non-IEEE members. The Iran Section awards are bestowed to the winners at this event.
- Celebrated the 40th anniversary of IEEE in Iran.

Future activities

- Invite distinguished national/international lecturers 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.
- Support Chapters to promote their professional activities in technical sponsoring the conferences and holding workshops and seminars.
- Establish new Chapters. The IEEE Iran Section is planning to encourage professionals to establish three new Chapters by the end of 2014.
- Promote Iranian industry involvements in the IEEE activities.
- Provide more national benefits for the IEEE members.
- Provide online course and webinars to train the students and make them ready to work in industry.
- Hold national student paper competition (SPC)

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 40 conferences carrying the IEEE Iran Section logo and/or index their articles in IEEEExplore in 2012-2013. The conferences which are technically sponsored by the IEEE Iran Section should designate a desk in their conference for IEEE to present its activities. They should also give 20% discount to the IEEE members for registration.
- Holding monthly meeting with executive committee of the IEEE Iran Section. In these meeting, more than 90% of the officers are present and discuss on their activities.
- Establishing Professional activities committee. This committee held 4 workshops in the year 2013.
- Holding IEEE day in most of student branches in the presence of IEEE Iran Section executive members.
- Providing national benefits for the IEEE Iran Section members, such as discount for booking room in some hotels, or buying book from some publishers.
- Upgrading IEEE Iran Section website and make it more dynamic, informative and user-friendly

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Participate in developing national standards
- Contribute in preparation of a road map for education and research in areas within the scope of IEEE
- Resolve financial problems of the IEEE Iran Section to receive the rebates.

Miscellaneous

- 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 WIE 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 29 active student branches nationwide. Currently, a total number of 15 student branches have launched their websites which are also linked to the IEEE Iran Section website.
- The student branches had four general meetings last year. The meetings were hosted by a volunteer student branch where the officers of student activities and board of director of the student branches take part.
- Four new Chapters, namely Control Systems, Communications, Electromagnetic, and Power was established.
- Three new national awards were designated in the name of distinguished Iranian scientists and professors, namely: Prof. Hakkak Award, Prof. Jabbedar Award, and Prof. Lucas Award.