

**Saudi Arabia (West) Section****Akila Sarirete****Highlights from the past**

## IEEE Computer Society Activities

- Technical Sponsor for 11th Learning and Technology Conference @ Effat University, 24 Feb. 2013 (Dr. Malak Alnory was the Project Manager and Dr. Nighat Mir was the Program Chair, Dr. Akila Sarirete, member of the steering committee); several IEEE members were part of the paper review committee (around 250 attendees; international speakers were invited and paper review was very intense; Selected papers will be published in a Journal).
- First Lego League Competition Participation and Judging (Two IEEE members were judges in the FLL competition for High School and Middle School students competition. 14 groups participated from 10 schools around Jeddah. The competition was held in Jeddah in Dar Al Bayan School for Girls
- Science and Engineering Fair (April 9th 2014). Several members of IEEE are participating in the planning of the competition (4 from Effat University) (Two from KAUST and IEEE senior members). The competition included students from High School where they had to showcase their high school graduation project in science. The Theme is "Smart Future". Judges are invited from KAU, KAUST, Saudi Electronic University.
- College of Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems Department Capstone 1 Projects Viva (December 14th 2013) ; IEEE attendees : Three
- Co-Sponsor with Taibaa University on NOORIC Conference for December 2013. Two executive members are part of the steering committee and the program committee. Several IEEE members are part of the program committee reviewing papers and will attend the conference. One of the members is as well presenting a research paper during the conference. Dr. Akila Sarirete and Dr. Hafidh AlSamarrai were invited to be co-chairs of sessions in the conference. More than 500 attendees and several IEEE members
- Engineering Education Conference attendance and participation; Several IEEE members presented papers in the conference (24 th December). Dr. Hafidh Al Samarrai and Dr. Malak Alnory and Dr. Omar Tayyan. Dr. Akila was part of the attendees and much other members.
- IEEE executive members worked on preparing a workshop on Leadership Skills Development by Life Fellow Member: prof. Kurt Richter from Austria. Dr. Akila Sarirete was the project manager with Dr. Hafidh AlSamarrai and Dr. Abdularhman Alahdal. Several other members helped in the Organization of the Workshop (Ms. Eman AlAshwal from KAU, Ms. Samar AlJaabari from Effat University,). The workshop was sponsored by Dr. Mohamed Turki and his office: Chair of the WKSA Region. Around 70 attendees from Saudi Council Engineers, Effat University, King AbdulaAziz University, Um AlQura University.