

Saudi Arabia (West) Section

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Highlights from the past

- Students Activities
 - 1 May 2014, Banking & Information Security Lecture
 - Created two new IEEE mail lists for better communication with student branch chairs and counselors
 - Used the social networks to advertise about IEEE students benefits and other activities
 - Contacted the universities deans and academic staff within my network as an academic lecturer and encourage them to circulate announcements to their students as well
- WIE Activities
 - Participated as an Advisory Board Member for ABET Accreditation to UQU. Accreditation obtained on 1st December 2013 after an individual meeting conducted ABET Staff
 - 12-13 Jun. 2014, Participated in IEEE TISP (Teacher In Service Program) Workshop, Dubai
- Power Engineering Society
 - 8 Jan. 2014, Energy Efficiency in the Kingdom, Challenges and Applied Solutions
 - 4 Mar. 2014, Solar Powered UAV Technology: Applications and Challenges
 - 18 Mar. 2014, Introduction to IEEE PES
 - 6 Apr. 2014, Solar Energy - Knowledge Series
 - 3 Jun. 2014, Electrical Safety in Buildings
 - 23 Jun. 2013, Wide Area Monitoring Systems based on Synchrophasor Measurements
 - 26 May 2014, Environmental challenges for large scale deployment of Solar in Saudi Arabia

Future activities

- Establishment of Student Branches at Effat University and UQU
- Extreme Programming Competition (involving Jeddah and Mecca Universities and College), Spring 2014
- Women in Software Project Management Workshop @ Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, December 2014
- Teacher in Service Program Workshop, January 2015
- 1st International Disaster Strategic Planning and Management (IDSPM Forum), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, April 2014

Best practices

- To facilitate the membership development, WSA executive members are using their credit cards to pay the fees online and collecting the cash from the students who want to join IEEE but dont have credit cards to pay the fees

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

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- The official registration of Western Saudi Arabia IEEE section is still the point of prime concern to the section and its officers. The section does not have a platform to use in its activities. This issue has been continually raised by the section.
- We are keen to have an MOU with the Saudi Council of Engineers which could be used to overcome some of the hurdles which we face because of the point of concern mentioned in (1) above. A request has been made by the section and would very much appreciate speeding up the preparation of the MOU.
- The credit card has not been received.
- Publicize more the chapter and involve other stakeholders from other institutions.
- Establish a marketing campaign for the chapters.
- Make Joint activities among different institutions and chapters.
- IEEE Awards for best chapter achiever

Miscellaneous

- April 2014, Leadership Workshop (2 Days) conducted by Dr. Kurt
- New Generation of Photonic Devices using Nanotechnology: Challenges of the future Technical Lecture conducted by Prof. DOGHECHE from University of Lille
- Two student branch chairs have successfully fulfilled the requirements to receive IEEE R8 funding to attend The "IEEE R8 Students & Young Professional Congress" to be held in August 2014, Poland.
- Reactivated Taiba University Branch, appointed new chair who carried several activities.
- King Abdulaziz University (KAU) Rabigh, have applied for new chapter under the KAU student branch. They are willing to carry activities but they have not received the approval yet