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### Getting Closer to Industry

- Conducting events that help industry to showcase their products or to facilitate recruitment. These include seminars and networking events
- At the section level, we must have more active reach out to local industry. At IEEE level there must be more incentives for industry in the developing part of the world to join IEEE. Maybe recognition to most IEEE members in a certain company per country.

### Students and Young Professionals

- Networking events that allow them to transition to the workforce and career development workshops
- At the section level, we must maintain close connections with recent graduates that stay within the country to encourage them to maintain membership. This must be done by having targeted events for graduates and by involving them more in the leadership of the section/chapters/affinity groups.

### Section Vitality

- Any activity that allows members to have sense of ownership and belonging to the section. We have noticed that inviting members to be part of executive committees works very well in this regard
- At the section level and IEEE overall, there must be more direct involvement of members in the running of the organization through expanded committees, advisory boards, etc.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- IEEE Lebanon section overall membership passed the 1,000 member mark and we will be celebrating this growth in a special event. We plan to increase our per capita membership to be one of the highest in the region
- 2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of Lebanon section and we plan to celebrate this. (Nov, 2014 approval, Jan 2015 election of first executive committee).