

Egypt Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Several Initiatives.
- We Continued the largest engineering event; Egyptian Engineering Day for the 13th year with major success and attendance that topped 15 thousand. It hosts graduation projects expo and competition, made in Egypt competition, Forum of high level speakers,
- We added several new initiatives with smaller events (200-300 attendees) all over Egypt sponsored by industry, telcom operators and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority. These events helped expose industry to less exposed cities in Egypt. This was a win-win situation. It helped elevate economy in these cities meanwhile gave the industry access to new pool of talent and new markets.

Students and Young Professionals

- Most of the landmark activities in Egypt are either YP or Student activities. (Membership activities are all scientific seminars that attract 15-20 persons only).
- We are experiencing healthy growth in student branches (we are now over 30). It hosts graduation projects expo and competition, made in Egypt competition, Forum of high level speakers,
- We have a very large pool of volunteers in those activities who are not IEEE members (database shows similar or even larger in count than student/YP members). They come, they share, they volunteer their time, they unfortunately dont have the right to vote because they are not members even though they are quite regular in participation. We are thinking of all possible ways to attract them to join IEEE.

Section Vitality

- Most of the YP/student activities are very vibrant.
- Some of the chapters are doing very well. We need to enhance on our attendance and participation for member activities.
- Even though I am a university professor, I am also a consultant and practitioner, I think we need to work (section, region and IEEE) on image change that IEEE is not only an academic forum for researchers.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Our Telcom Regulatory Sponsor Agreement and our New Industry sponsor agreement are the flagship of 2015.
- Egyptian Engeerieng Day on its 13th birthday is even stronger.
- In the past 2 years we got 27 awards and recognitions .. hope we can keep the momentum