

## **Saudi Arabia (West) Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

- The section is currently attracting industrial relations (IR) representative from our members.
- New officer will be requested to reflect this sector.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

- In terms of supporting students, the Student Activities Chair at the section, (Ms. Eman Alashwali) had:
  - Informed and updating the student branches about IEEE competitions and activities.
  - Organized Banking & Security lecture at King Abdulaziz University. The speaker was Ms. Rasha Abu Al-Saud, the Vice President and the Head of Business Continuity & Information Security at the National Commercial Bank, Jeddah.
  - Organized and proctored 9 female teams in the IEEEExtreme programming competition which was hosted by the section with support from the sections chair, Dr. Muhammad Alturki for providing space for the students.
  - Conducted meetings/presentations/university visits with academics and student to raise awareness about IEEE and its benefits for students.
- Changes:
  - Conduct annual dinner for all IEEE volunteers.
  - Conduct local student congress.

### **Section Vitality**

- We believe in the importance to establish programs to encourage members to increase interest to participate. Section officers have agreed to increase the number of meetings to achieve this objective. It is important to note that professional members are busy with their respective professions. Therefore, any program where members are invited to participate should be beneficial to their career growth.
- The section will be sponsoring several programs in the near future, as follows:
  - Learning & Technology Program with the Effat University
  - Cloud Computing with the Princess Noura University.
  - International Strategic Planning for Disaster Management forum with Saudi Council of Engineers.
- In addition, the section is currently in negotiation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Council of Engineers (SCE).

### **Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

The Western Arabia Section will strive to continuously achieve the level of standard as set-forth by the organization.