

Iran Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Since last meeting, we appointed a member from our industry to lead the industrial activities committee. This would allow us to have better feedback from industry and hear their opinions.
- Furthermore, we conducted a workshop by Prof. Ali Hessami from the UK section in an industrial complex to try improve IEEE's image in industry and to increase the interaction between industry and academia.
- Finally, we have hold two meetings to investigate possible approaches to increase the interaction between the industry and academia.
- Although there are sanctions against Iran, if IEEE work better in the provided legal zone, then we can have better interaction with the industry and help them to perform alongside the goals of IEEE, especially advancing the technology for humanity.

Students and Young Professionals

- Having interactions/competitions with students from other sections and regions.
- IEEE should recognize our student branches so they become more encouraged and become more active. Currently our only a few branches have been recognized.
- IEEE should provide further discount for our members, including students and YP, since we are among the 3rd world countries. Currently IEEE treats everyone the same and does not consider the differences between people from different countries, especially at the conferences level. For instance, the cognitive society has clear discount for the members of the 3rd world countries.
- We have been able to attract more members through student activities. We have been able to get more YP involved in the section. And we have continued the support of awards at student and YP levels.
- we are trying to improve the role of students by supporting them to get involved in IEEE's competitions such as IEEE Xtreme.
- We are also trying to get the student branches more involved in green activities nationwide.

Section Vitality

- The conference committee is fairly active to keep the conferences at high standards while helping them to be indexed by IEEE eXplore. Furthermore, we have annual meeting in which several awards are given in the following categories:
 - Lifetime research
 - lifetime teaching
 - YP
 - WIE
 - Students' thesis (BSc, Msc, PhD)
 - Student branches
 - Student advisors
 - Dr. Hakkak and Dr. Jabbedar Awards
- We also have the mid year students' workshop and meetings
- IEEE should work more on helping the section in the given legal zone provided by the sanctions. IF not, the students and members would not be encouraged to interact with IEEE more. One thing that IEEE can help is providing us with the general access to plagiarism checking. We want to use the service all over the country to fight against plagiarism. Currently, iThenticate hesitates to work with us since they think it is against the sanctions. IEEE can show them that this is not the case and help us to get the service.
- Success:
 - Conducting the annual meeting with annual awards and a successful workshop conducted by WIE committee.
 - Initiating a site on chapters to improve their activities

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Starting a journal by IEEE to improve the quality of journals in our country.
- Reaching over 1600 members in 2015
- We had the 2nd anniversary of the Jabbedar and Hakkak teaching and research awards, respectively.
- We just started Green IEEE initiative to save water and power.