

## Iraq Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- The Section established good scientific relations with the Industry. Continuous visits to this sector and many workshops were held within the Universities, and these workshops were organized and guided by the Section with the Council of Industry Research and Development.
- It is a very important point, Because Iraqi Industry faced very difficult environments since April 2003, and till now. Most of the Industry Companies were stopped and Closed! We as a section tried to put a clear picture about the main reasons behind this bad effect, and we tried to put a road map for improving the industry status in these companies.... It is a very hard task, and we need the (actual support and advice) of the R8, and IEEE in this aspect.
- The major success is that: The industry companies, started to open their doors to us and to speak with us as (academic) need to help them!
- We have plans, and we follow this plan in continuation to our relations with industry.

### Students and Young Professionals

- We put a good plan for the main activities / programs/ initiatives in our section to support students and young professionals. Since the start of year 2015, the section holds 60 different activities, meetings, workshops in many Iraqi Universities, and most of these activities are directed towards the students and young professionals.
- Changes required by IEEE and Region 8 are to look to IRAQ not as other countries, due mainly to the very dangerous and difficult environment surrounding IRAQ, and especially in the last two years due to (ISIS) forces and their occupation of 4 big cities from IRAQ... We hope as IRAQ Section that (IEEE and R8) put this fact in their eyes and treat with the section according to these facts.. We need help for the "Displaced Students" and their families to distribute this humanitarian help which will support the status of the Section, and enhance the efforts paid by the section Excomm monthly towards these displaced families... (Note that, currently Iraq has more than 3 million displaced persons!)
- Our major success is: The section is continuously occupying its position in Iraq Scientific and social areas.
- Our Major future activities are oriented towards students.

### Section Vitality

- The Students meetings / scientific workshops / Conferences/ students competition awards are the main activities we need to continue holding inside Iraq.
- The support from IEEE / R8 in many aspects that can be offered to the section will help the section in its activities. For example, if IEEE sends magazines, Transactions in order to distribute to Universities, or if special awards are given to the section for the students activities within fields: Communication, Electricity, Oil, Medicine, Industry).
- The major success related to the continuity of the Section activities even the actual Iraqi environment is not encouraging for any activities!
- The section plans to enhance its capabilities within any opportunities will be offered or will available to assist the status of the section in performing its task and message in IRAQ.
- The Section put a plan for the incoming 6 months for many Iraqi Cities. These activities need great support (especially financial support), simply the section didn't have any "Rebate" since more than 4 years, and all fees required were paid from the Excom members. This needs (really) the support from IEEE and R8 to solve the problem for the section.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- We invite the students and scientific community to cooperate with the section in the following:
  - Establishing Smart villages
  - Understanding the importance of IBM / Watson and preparing for participation in its award.
  - Building many Websites (in Facebook and LinkedIn) oriented to solving the problems of Iraqi Industry.
- About the special achievements:
  - The Section Excom continuously tried to put all members in the complete picture of the Status of IRAQ section, and distributed among them a list of question about many important aspects and asked them to give their opinion. For example in the last 6 months, the Excom distributed two times such list of questions...
  - The section needs a great support from IEEE and R8 to enhance the the efforts for establishing students branches, and to support the activities required to be established inside Iraq for the students. We need at least 3 such Conferences to be hold yearly one in the North, one in the South, and one the middle of IRAQ. This will help the section.
- As we understand, we need to hold yearly celebration for such event. We need advice from R8 in this aspect.