

Nigeria Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- Conferences, Workshops and Exhibitions. Often we found that industries are more interested in exhibiting their products at Conferences.
- On changes Nigeria Section wants to make to improve Industry relations;-we plan to do industrial visits and explore requesting some industries to host our technical seminars.
- On major successes, we organized a Technical Seminar and invited speakers from the Industry (Shell Nigeria, Siemens, Airtel and the National Energy Regulator. It was a very good outing, they shared knowledge, networked with our members and were glad to meet some friends they have not had the opportunity of meeting for many years.
- To continue to foster Industry relations, we have appointed a new Industry relations officer earlier this month to work on improving Industry relations.

Students and Young Professionals

- Activities that work well are competitions, training Seminars and Workshops.
- Students and YP require financial sponsorship and volunteer time for the programmes.
- Major successes since the last meeting in Cyprus- we are planning a National Robotics competition for students in November and a congress for students and YP, date to be fixed.
- We have appointed a new Student Coordinator to help to revitalize student Branches.

Section Vitality

- Conferences and Training Workshops drive vitality and sustainability.
- To improve Section vitality, two years ago we held a Conference and an Award dinner and recognized volunteers who have made exceptional contributions to the Section, we need to formalize it and do it every two years.
- On successes, we held a Section Meeting and Technical Seminar at the University of Lagos, Lagos is the industrial and commercial capital of Nigeria, it attracted participation of both industry practitioners and academics. Other successes include revitalization of WIE and PES chapter.
- To continue to foster Section Vitality, we will do more events and continue to recognize volunteers.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- On new initiative, Nigeria Section is partnering with a Cybercentre at Nassarawa State University to organize a Conference and training Workshops. We plan to use that opportunity to do a TISP Workshop on Cybersecurity for Secondary School Teachers and also do Robotics competition for Students.
- Recommendation: An opportunity to host Region 8 conference will improve IEEE visibility in Nigeria and also section vitality in Nigeria.