

## Iran Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- Since last meeting, we had our annual student branches meeting at an industrial complex. The students were introduced to different facilities in the complex. Also, the UT student branch invited Ericsson company to UT to have a booth for 3 days and introduce its activities to the members.
- Furthermore, the head of government and industry relation of Ericsson attended an ExCom meeting evaluating the possible approaches to increase industry interaction. The result of this interaction would be an MOU which is under final review. Also, there has been an initiative to start IEEE's industrial branches. The bylaws of this initiative is under development by the industry committee.
- We are going to start a portal in Iran section's website to host job advertisements and internships.
- This would improve industry relation and provide a better view for the members to find the suitable job. Furthermore, it would give better edge to the section to impact the field.
- If IEEE or the region can help our students have internships abroad, that would increase the industry relation between our members and industry. They would learn from this interaction and can bring back this experience home to be applied here.

### Students and Young Professionals

- Works well:
  - 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 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, especially at the conferences level. For instance, the Cognitive Science Society had a CogSci 2015 in Pasadena and the registration fee for the 3rd world countries was 50\$ while it was 150\$ for the rest. Thus it would be much easier for members from these countries to attend the conference.
- Success
  - Attracting more members through student activities. We have been able to get more YP involved. And we have continued the support of awards at student and YP levels.
  - Ranking 1st in 2015 Extreme Competition.
  - we are 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 (<http://www.ieee.org/ir/awards>):
- We have added the student branches' website competition to increase their visibility and activity through this competition.
- We also have the mid year students' workshop and meetings.
- Since the sanctions are over, IEEE may work more on helping the section. providing the rebates, allowing the registration of the student branches and our chapters. Helping us to get general access to plagiarism checking would allow us to be successful in our initiative to increase the public awareness about plagiarism.
- Success:
  - Conducting the annual meeting with annual awards and a successful workshop conducted by WIE committee.
  - Initiating a site for chapters to improve their activities. The site has been launched recently.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- The student branches' website competition.
- Reaching over 1750 members from 1200
- 1st rank in XTreme competition (encouraging students and conducting the competition despite being in a religious holiday across the country.
- starting new approach with the industry by developing an MOU with Ericsson.
- Technically sponsoring more than 45 conferences in the country.
- Conducting several workshops and talks for public awareness on correct use of others' works.