

## **Nigeria Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

The previous Chair Professor Chukwudebe was from the Academia. As the new Chair I am from the industry, I work in the Oil and Gas Industry in Nigeria and I interact with industry professionals in my day to day work. during my tenure as Chair, I plan to introduce IEEE to a good number of colleagues and counterparts. Our Exco committee is planning a series of meetings within the year. During these meetings a good emphasis would be given to industry exposure for IEEE in the Nigeria Section.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

The Students and Young Professionals recently had new officers representing Students and YP. the officers will be tasked with setting up activities which would attract students and young professionals from around the country. In 2016 we would like to give our YP and Students the opportunity to attend the R8 congress in order for them to interact with their pairs from other parts of the world. Since the last meeting, forums have been held with the Students and YP including one at the 2015 Robotics Workshop. Success can be achieved by continuously engaging students and YP leaders in order to enable them to participate in the formulation of activities for their pairs.

### **Section Vitality**

The IEEE Nigeria Section Robotics Workshop / Competition is an initiative which we started a few years ago. In the Nigeria Section, We intend to increase the participants and profile of the activity. In 2016 we intend to implement new initiatives for membership renewal and new member payments for the IEEE Nigeria Section. The Successful completion of the elections and handover to a new set of professionals is a huge achievement for the Nigeria Section since the last R8 meeting. Regular engagements and the introduction of social activities(like sports) into section programs would foster interest in memberships.

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

- From 2016, IEEE Nigeria Section intends to carryout charity and charitable outreach programs.
- IEEE Nigeria Section intends to sponsor / support a golf tournament.
- IEEE day 2016 would be celebrated uniquely.
- Ideas from the IEEE Nigeria Section EXCO would be shared on VTOOLS.