**Tunisia Section**

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**Getting Closer to Industry**
- Plan to organize the 1st IEEE Tunisian forum for Industry-Academia Partnership and sign agreements between the section and main companies in Tunisia. [http://tfiap.ieee.tn](http://tfiap.ieee.tn)
- Plan to organize a meeting with 100 industry stakeholders to discuss the most important soft skills needed for new graduates
- Organizing dedicated industry sessions at conferences
- Visiting main companies in Tunisia and Discussing cooperation possibilities
- An Industry ambassador was appointed in order to foster Industry Relations
- Presenting IEEE benefits and activities to companies stakeholders
- Organizing technical student challenges in cooperation with industry partners

**Students and Young Professionals**
- 3rd IEEE Tunisian Students and Young Professional congress TSYP was organized successfully on December 2015. [http://tsyp.ieee.tn](http://tsyp.ieee.tn)
- Open data hackathon, in collaboration with the IEEE computer society egov technical committee. [www.ieee.tn/hackathon](http://www.ieee.tn/hackathon)
- Organize webinars for student branches
- Collaboration between student branches, student chapters, regular chapters, and affinity groups
- 9 students participated to the IEEE IAS Annual Meeting in Dallas, USA
- The section supports all active student branches in their activities and encourages SB to participate to awards and competitions
- The professional activities coordinator is helping young professionals to succeed their professional career
- Organize technical schools for students society members
- 1 student will participate in the WIE leadership summit in USA

**Section Vitality**
- Continuous update of the website [www.ieee.tn](http://www.ieee.tn) and social networks
- Section newsletter: [www.ieee.tn/newsletter](http://www.ieee.tn/newsletter)
- Organizing the Executive Committee meeting two times per year
- Plan to organize the next election before the end of the year
- Discussing with all members about IEEE and its benefits
- Encouraging members to volunteer and to organize successful activities
- Organizing technical and social meetings
- Helping chapters to organize distinguished lecturers and to report the meetings
- Helping dormant chapters to organize an election and to find new active volunteers
- Helping members with over 10 years of professional activities to apply for senior member grade

**Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**
- IEEE Tunisia section award was presented to Mr. Noomane Fehri, Minister of Communication Technologies and Digital Economy, who is supporting the IEEE Tunisia Section activities
- Membership development: reach 1350 members for the first time since its establishment
- Two cities (Ariana and Sfax) were selected as affiliate cities in the IEEE smart cities initiative [http://smartcities.ieee.tn](http://smartcities.ieee.tn)
- Looking to organize one of the R8 meetings in Tunisia
- Working to finalize the legal registration of the IEEE Tunisia section within 2 months
- Middle East student branch congress 2017 will be organized in Tunisia