

Ghana Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

Twice in last year, we embarked on industry visits to acquaint ourselves with technological advancing in the industries. Our recent visit was to the utility companies in the country. In this case, the purpose was to understand the cause of energy crisis in the country and see how we could offer professional advise. Through this initiatives, we are building stronger ties with the industries and hope to look for more ways of improving the relations. We have also had consultations with certain industries to conduct research seminars once every two months on their premises. We hope to use such fora to recruit more new members and encourage the industries to subsequently take care of their renewals annually.

Students and Young Professionals

The Young Professionals Chapter in the country is now going through the process of electing their officers. It is our wish to engage them in all our activities. We also hope to help our student members get places for internship during vacation. We are already helping the final year students with their projects works and we holding talks with a number of institutions for collaboration for technical interchange with students.

Section Vitality

The Section has embarked a monthly IEEE Research Seminar Series at the Universities in the country. The purpose is to increase IEEE membership and develop research skills of our university students. The Research series provide a platform where minor research works by students and other innovative works are presented. The works are critiqued and best papers are awarded. It is our view that through this program the Section will be vibrant and the vitality will be sustained. We saw progress with this research seminars when for the first time during the IEEE day, we had over 400 students and professionals in attendance. Our biggest constraint is sponsorship as the little money we had has all been used and getting acquittals from headquarters is a problem. We just don't know how we are going to fund this years activities.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- The Section recently applied to host the 2016 PES IEEE African Conference in Accra but lost the bid to Zambia. We have however been assured of hosting the 2017 Conference in Ghana. This was due the strong case we made for the 2016 conference.
- We celebrated the IEEE Day successfully. We celebrated the event in the form of symposium with speakers drawn from academia, industries, politicians, etc. We had a record over 400 students and professionals in attendance.