

## **Saudi Arabia (East) Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

- 1) Inviting industry representatives to the IEEE meetings.
- 2) Visiting industrial organizations and promoting IEEE.
- 3) Technical seminar on "Providing Solutions that Modernize the Grid" sponsored by General Electric (GE).
- 4) Contacting industrial organizations to sponsor technical dinner meetings.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

- 1) Officers visiting the Universities and introducing IEEE benefits.
- 2) Financial Support to hold competitions and technical forums within Universities.
- 3) Several events were sponsored at King Fahd University (KFUPM), Prince Mohammed University (PMU) and Alfaisal University in Riyadh.
- 4) A Student Coordinator was appointed to coordinate activities of various student branches within the Kingdom.

### **Section Vitality**

- 1) Email contacts with the members
- 2) Organizing technical meetings with free attendance for Members.
- 3) One day training seminar was held with reduced fees for Members.
- 4) Holding more contact meetings with members.
- 5) Produce and distribute Section newsletter.
- 6) Plan for Section Election.

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

- 1) The GCC Students and Young Professionals Congress (GCC SYP Congress) website: <http://ieee-gcc-sypcongress2016.com>.
- 2) The 9th IEEE-GCC Conference & Exhibition to be held on 6-9 May 2017. Website: <http://www.ieee-gcc.org>.
- 3) Participate with an IEEE booth to be set-up during the Information Technology Professional Development Program (PDP) Conference that is planned to be held on November 2, 2016.
- 4) Commemorating the IEEE Saudi Arabia Section's 35th Anniversary-2016.