

Saudi Arabia (West) Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

We have always faced problems in the IR because it is difficult to find the right volunteer to represent the section. The section has received nominations for industrial relations (IR) representative. The nominees are professionals who are very much exposed in the industry. New officer will be requested to reflect this sector.

Students and Young Professionals

- Section member formed a social group where officers and members discuss and plan the section's future activities and programs to improve the performance of the section and to encourage membership. The interaction of members and officers through social group is exceptional, as everyone actively participates in discussions even if they are out of the country. The chair of student section activities is currently vacant and nominations have been received to fill the position.
- To encourage more officers to support the Chair to further reach out to more numbers of students.
- The Section will continue to support and co-sponsor university conferences to further promote student awareness of the objectives and benefits of joining IEEE. However, the section officers and members alike realize that there are some non-performing chapters within the section. The officers were given deadline to reactivate by conducting meetings, otherwise, a new set of officers will be elected.

Section Vitality

- As stated, some chapters are not performing within the section and there are suggestions to elect new officers.
- It is important to establish programs to encourage members to increase interest to participate. The officers' active role is sought to enhance interest from members. Section officers have agreed to increase the number of meetings to achieve this objective and this will be monitored closely. It is important to note that professional members are busy with their respective professions. Therefore, any program where members are invited to participate must be beneficial to their career growth.
- Below are activities organized / attended by section members:
 - 1) IEEE and WOMEN in Engineering Social Event (23/7/16)
 - 2) Science And Engineering Project Fair (06/4/16)
 - 3) C#Workshop - Organized with IEEE Effat Student Branch (16/3/16)
 - 4) L&T2016 Conference (10-11/4/16)
 - 5) Suhoor Invitation IEEE - SCE (25/6/16)
 - 6) Seminars conducted by Professors from known universities from Australia, Hongkong,USA,etc.)
 - 7) WR Poser Competition Project Fair (11/4/16)
- It was mentioned in previous report the negotiation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Council of Engineers (SCE). The MOU has been finalized and expected to be signed soon.
- We need an official registration of the section. This issue has been raised with IEEE.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- We have created a SIGHT group and it has started its activities.
- The Western Arabia Section will strive to continuously achieve the level of standard as set-forth by the organization.