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Getting Closer to Industry

- The following activities fostered our industry relations:
  - 1st IEEE Tunisian forum for Industry-Academia Partnership http://tfiap.ieee.tn
  - Industry tours for students to the main companies
  - Invite industrial engineers to the IEEE conferences
  - Visiting main companies in Tunisia and discussing cooperation possibilities
  - Cooperation with the Industry Applications Society
  - Industry ambassador officer was appointed to follow up with the companies and to look for internships for IEEE students
  - Presenting IEEE benefits and our activities to the companies stakeholders
- To improve our industry relations, the section need an agreement cooperation template to be signed by the section, IEEE HQ, and the company
- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:
  - Increase of the number of members from industry
  - Increase the number of industry - academia activities
  - Better visibility of IEEE to the local companies
- The section will continue to foster Industrial Relations by the following actions:
  - Organize a meeting with 100 industry stakeholders to discuss the most important soft skills needed for new graduates
  - Organize contests in cooperation with industry partners
  - Sign agreements between IEEE Tunisia section and companies

Students and Young Professionals

- To support Students and Young Professionals, we organized the following activities / programs / initiatives:
  - Tunisian Students and YP congress http://tsyp.ieee.tn
  - Mobile apps competition for students and YP
  - Engineering days for students to present their projects
  - Help students and YP to participate to the R8 SYP, PES students congress, IAS annual meeting, WIE leadership conference, and PES power Africa
  - Participate in the IEEE competitions (IEEE Day, MTG, MadC, IEEEXtreme Programming)
  - Appointment of two student representatives
  - Appointment of a professional activities coordinator to help young professionals to succeed their professional career
- To better support our students and young professionals, we need more financial support for the student branches and student WIE and student chapters
- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Students and Young Professionals:
  - 3rd IEEE Tunisian SYP 2015
  - 1st IEEE Tunisian forum for Industry-Academia Partnership
  - Webinars for SB officers
  - Summer / winter school trainings for students society's members
- The section will continue to foster Students and Young Professionals activities by the following actions:
  - Developing EPICS and SIGHT projects
  - Entrepreneurship event
  - Educational activities (TISP workshops)

Section Vitality

- The section is organizing the following activities / programs / initiatives to drive the vitality and sustainability:
  - Continuous news update of the website www.ieee.tn and IEEE Collabratec and Facebook
  - Help dormant chapters to organize an election and to find new active volunteers
  - Help members with over 10 years of professional activities to apply for senior member grade
- To improve Section vitality and sustainability, the section needs to increase the funds by organizing Regional and Society conferences in Tunisia
- The major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality are the following:
  - A retention rate over 100%
  - The number of members in the section is over 1,000
- The section is planning to continue to foster Section Vitality by the following actions:
  - Attract more members to become volunteers with IEEE
  - Complete the election process of the 2017-2018 officers before December 2016 by following the MGA manual
  - Run the election of chapters and affinity group officers
  - Follow the MGA recommendation: the next elected vice chair will become the chair on 2019-2020
  - Encourage members to renew their membership on time
  - Organize a workshop for conference organizers and research laboratories directors to present IEEE benefits and encourage them to join
  - Organize the section's awards ceremony

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Recipient of the 2015 R8 Outstanding section award
- Recognition awards was presented to the Minister of Communication Technologies and Digital
- Economy, who is supporting the IEEE Tunisia Section activities
- The Tunisia section is member of the Internet of Things (IoT) Tunisia group
- Two cities (Ariana and Sfax) were selected as affiliate cities in the IEEE smart cities initiative http://smartcities.ieee.tn
- Middle East SYP congress 2017 will be organized in Tunisia by INSAT SB
- Working to finalize the legal registration of the IEEE Tunisia section by the December 2016
- Helping to increase the IEEE activities and members in Africa
- Proposal to organize next R8 meeting in Tunisia
- Proposal to organize R8 Chapters chairs meeting