

## Bahrain Section

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### Getting Closer to Industry

- 1) Contact some local companies to support section events.
- 2) R8 is invited to increase IR funding.
- 3) Several joint technical seminars and workshops were done.
- 4) Invite industry speakers for next IEEE-GCC conference & exhibition, May 2017.

### Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- 1) Several Careers/ Jobs fairs in collaboration with Ministry of labor and many institutions.
- 2) Visit to Ministry of Electricity & Water and got support to IEEE Bahrain section by HE the Minister.
- 3) Registration of Bahrain Section by the Bahrain Government as a local branch of IEEE international is the major success of 2016, this will attract and support future members.
- 4) Formation of more student branches in addition to 3 new already formed in 2016. Young professional group which has been also newly formed will be encouraged and supported to do more activities during 2017.

### Section Vitality

- 1) Holding several administrative ExCom meetings working on agreement approval with IEEE HQ, local registration of members in accordance with Kingdom of Bahrain laws and Constitution approval. Reactivating WiE group. Forming a new Communication Society Chapter. Reactivating the pre-university education program by holding 1st meeting with Ministry of education officials. Celebrating 2 successive IEEE Days, 4th. Oct 2015/ 4th. Oct. 2016.
- 2) Fund-raising ideas to be implemented in 2017.
- 3) Technical Sponsorship MoU conf # 39991 of the 17th World Renewable Energy Congress, Dec 2016 by University of Bahrain. Hosting of the 9th. IEEE-GCC Conference & Exhibition, May 2017 by Bahrain Section conf # 36861.
- 4) Collaboration with other sections in R8 and other Regions during R8 Stockholm meeting and Sydney 2017 Sections Congress to exchange ideas, doing common events, ... .

### IEEE in Africa

Emailed Prof. Gloria Chuckwudebe to discuss that issue with her to share ideas about vocational training and common humanitarian technical projects.

### Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

We expect Europe regional meetings support from IEEE Vienna office and we are looking forward for opening IEEE Bahrain office too, specially after we got support from the government for our section registration.

### Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- 1) Bahrain Section welcomes all to attend The 9th IEEE GCC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION Manama, Bahrain: 7-10 May 2017, Conference Theme: Solutions for a Smarter Economy, for more details, kindly open the following link: <http://ieee-gcc.org/>
- 2) Bahrain Section has got an MD outstanding recognition:
  - Jan 2015: 88 members
  - Jan 2016: 163 members
  - Jan 2017: 212 members
- 3) UoB STB and Counselor got Best 2016 award
- 4) Bahrain Section is going to celebrate its 15th. Anniversary shortly, CONGRATULATIONS!

BEST WISHES FOR ALL