

Kenya Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations?

- Talks
- Public Lectures
- Exhibitions
- Opportunity for internships for student members

What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations?

- More effort on publicity of IEEE. Possibly IEEE could have a budget for some promotional activities to create greater awareness.

What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations?

- Securing in kind support for section activities by some corporate organisations
- Acceptance to collaborate with the section by several corporate organisations such as IBM, Philips
- Offer to provide internships by some corporate organisations.
- Establishment of a committee that leads industry engagement in the section.
- Going forward, as a section we will continue to engage industry further and develop collaborations of mutual benefit.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- Activities
 - Having guest speakers with relevant topics for non-members. This helps attracts new members and in the process they are more likely to sign up for IEEE.
- Changes
 - Membership drives will help inform members about IEEE and it's benefits and let potential members know about the Kenya Section. This also helps potential members meet and know the Kenya section members.
- Successes
 - 3 Distinguished Lecture tours were organized that brought in new members fro the participants who attended.
- Support to Students, WIE and YP
 - By allowing students, WIE and young professionals to be more involved in the Kenya section activities and executing on their ideas and input.
 - Supporting their events financially and resource wise
 - Technical writing training in each of the institutions with student members to promote and encourage more SPC participation.
 - Support EPICS projects
 - Support formation of Student Branch Chapters at each accredited Engineering Institution in Kenya.
 - Section Excom met all Deans of Engineering to promote IEEE and got buy in to establish Student chapters and also enroll Faculty as IEEE members.

Section Vitality

- Activities
 - Guest speakers with relevant topics for members, educates and informs members on technologies.
 - Industry engagement with various practitioners.
 - Mentoring students to promote STEM among women and underserved communities.
 - Increased awareness and participation in humanitarian activities.
- Changes
 - Local guest speakers - highlights our local professionals and members can better relate.
 - Active representation of volunteers especially Africans in regional events.
 - Encouraging more volunteers to share their IEEE success stories and increased awareness on the same at regional level.
- Successes
 - Recognized by Region 8 for achieving Section Member Retention goals
 - Members are more engaged in IEEE Kenya as a result of the recent activities in student events and DLs.
 - Increased WIE membership at the section and we project increased membership especially through students.
 - More awareness of IEEE and collaboration with like-minded initiatives in Kenya.
 - Student membership tripled in the past year due to increased interest and participation in IEEEExtreme and Conferences
- Fostering section vitality involves finding activities that members can be involved in and get excited about.
- Enhancing member engagement by encouraging and assigning volunteer roles to more members to increase member participation.

IEEE in Africa

- Africa Area
 - Promote inter-Section activities or joint Section activities
 - Promote inter Section competitions in various IEEE events for Africa.
 - Chair to tour each Section to be known by members and promote the Africa
- Area agenda
 - Develop online communities and Social Media platforms for African Sections
- Section support to Africa Area
 - Promote and share its experiences with other Sections

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

- Increased support for Section activities through regular visits to interact and find out how well they can assist the Sections.
- Increased IEEE Membership development material support to Sections

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- New Initiatives
 - Formed volunteer committees to champion various activities in the Section
 - Formed the WIE Kenya AG and their subsequent collaboration with a leading Women in Technology Organisation in its activities.
 - Petitions in progress to form the Kenya Chapters of ComSoc and PES
 - Met with all Deans of Engineering in Kenya and agreed to partner with them in promoting IEEE at institutional level and establishing a Student Chapter in each.
- Special Achievements
 - 3 DL Tours held last year
 - 2 Virtual Conferences held last year.
 - Hosted an IEEE SA delegation who held discussion with Industry and relevant Standardization bodies in the country.
 - Looking forward to hosting the 3 presidents who will be on an Industry Outreach to Kenya this May