

Bahrain Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- 1) Some local companies were contacted by section industry ambassador to support section events
- 2) Section has invited the Under Secretary of Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunication and the CEO of VIVA Telecomm Company as main speakers for IEEE-GCC conference & exhibition which was held on May 2017. The keynote Speaker for the conference was Prof. Margaretha Eriksson, Region 8 Director and for the SYP was Mr. Costas Stasopoulos, Region 8 Past Director, while many others from Industry supported the event and promised to be in touch.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- 1) Section has participated in the Careers/ Jobs fair in collaboration with Ministry of labor and social development which was held on March 2017
- 2) Honoring of SYP participants /volunteers, May 2017
- 3) Continues Registration of Bahrain Section by the Bahrain Government as a local branch of IEEE international.

Section Vitality

- 1) Holds of a social evening on 22nd April 2017
- 2) Holds several ExCom meetings
- 3) A new Communication Society Chapter has been formed.
- 4) Completed a petition for a new humanitarian group (SIGHT)
- 5) Starts a new IT & Computer Society Chapter
- 6) 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

- 1) Emailed Prof. Gloria Chuckwudebe to discuss that issue with her. As no response was received, we hope meeting her at SC 2017 to hear possible future collaboration.
- 2) To share ideas about vocational training and common humanitarian technology-based 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 comment about The 9th IEEE GCC CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION and SYP CONGRESS which had been held at Manama, Bahrain, 7-11 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) Bahrain Section is going to celebrate its 15th. Anniversary shortly, CONGRATULATIONS !

:: BEST WISHES FOR ALL ::