

Morocco Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

During the organized study days (including training / contests), some of our IEEE students got internships in companies. Some enterprise professionals, members of our section are more involved in some of our activities (for example, industrial tracks in conferences co-organized by our section). Our goal remains to involve our industry partners in our conferences / workshops / contests, and encourage section membership for their staff. Again, our Industry Ambassador needs more tools to be able to measure progress in this area; IEEE can help with this. A project is under preparation with IBM to run in one hand a series of training in the domain of Big Data and on the other hand organize a Hackathon in Mobile Apps for Healthcare to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

Several active and motivated members have been appointed to new key positions to help the section in terms of activities that can attract / involve new members. A continuing program in the form of trainings / workshops continues to interest our members, keeping them satisfied. It is also instrumental in encouraging new members to join.

During our IEEE caravan, student branches in several universities were encouraged to organize events for outreach for new students. New student branches and a new affinity group were created, and more IEEE activities were organized, boosting the number of our section members.

More partnerships with IT companies are still needed in order to provide more training opportunities for our members and future members to become themselves trainers providing for more resources to meet the needs of the section and chapters. We continue to provide the necessary support for our students and young professionals in terms of networking and funding for the organization of their own events. A series of training will be organized in collaboration with the Morocco YP Chapter to help newly graduated students start their professional career.

Section Vitality

Again, some outstanding members have been appointed to positions that can be helpful to our section, notably for the Newsletter. Our continued support of motivated and active members remains key to foster section vitality. Several conferences have been sponsored and co-organized in Morocco, and several upcoming conferences are also sponsored. It is very important that our section continues to get involved and technically sponsor local conferences for more visibility and networking with researchers, professionals and students.

IEEE in Africa

Our section continues to be involved with the IEEE Africa network. However, more financial support is still desired for these activities.

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

Again, more support is needed to make our section activities more visible in the region and globally.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

We have made progress with respect to the organization of MELECON'18 in Marrakech, including tracks, cfp, ...

We are in the final stages to complete the legal framework for the IEEE Morocco Section based on the legal requirements of our country.

We continue to investigate more possibilities, adapted to the Moroccan environment, to encourage professionals, researchers and students to get involved in our section activities.