Tunisia Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- The following activities fostered our industry relations:
  - Co-founding the group “IoT Tunisia” in cooperation with well-known ICT companies in Tunisia
  - Organizing industry tours for students to the main companies and manufactures
  - Inviting industrial engineers to the IEEE conferences
  - Signing MOU with main companies

- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:
  - 2 recent MOU were signed on June 2017 with Primatec and Cynapsys companies
  - The number of members from industry increased
  - Sent the section’s newsletter to the local companies in order to present the IEEE activities

- 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 challenges in cooperation with industry partners
  - Sign more agreements between IEEE Tunisia section and companies

Attracting and Supporting Future Members

- To support our members, the section organized the following activities / programs / initiatives:
  - Tunisian Students and YP congress, attracting over 500 participants [http://syp.ieee.tn](http://syp.ieee.tn)
  - Engineering days for students to present their projects
  - Helped students to participate in the IEEE competitions (IEEE Day, MTG, MadC, IEEEXtreme Programming, etc.)
  - Helped members to develop projects and to search for IEEE foundation funds
  - Helped students and YP to participate to the R8 SYP, PES students congress, IAS annual meeting, WIE leadership conference, and PES power Africa
  - Helped student branches, student chapters, and WIE student groups to organize their activities

- To better support our members, the section need more financial support

- Major successes since the last meeting: The section supported the following activities:
  - 5th ME Students and Young Professionals MESYP Congress
  - 3rd IEEE School on Computational Intelligence
  - 4th IEEE Tunisian SYP 2016
  - CyberSecurity days
  - Robotics challenge WRO Tunisian qualifications
  - 5 international conferences
  - Create 3 SB, 3 WIE student groups, 5 student chapters

- The section will continue to foster Students and Young Professionals activities by supporting:
  - Humanitarian SIGHT projects
  - Entrepreneurship and soft skills activities
  - Educational and Technical activities

Section Vitality

- The section is:
  - Ensuring prompt communications with our members by email, eNotice, IEEE Collabratec, and Facebook
  - Following the MGA recommendations: the vice-chair will become the section chair on 2019-2020
  - Nominating members with over 10 years of professional activities to apply for senior member grade
  - Helping dormant chapters to organize an election and to find new active volunteers
  - Attracting more members to become volunteers within IEEE
  - Continually updating the section’s website [http://www.ieee.tn](http://www.ieee.tn)

- To improve Section vitality and sustainability, the section needs to increase its funds by organizing Regional and Society conferences in Tunisia

- The major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality are the following:
  - Reached the recruitment goal
  - Organized section’s awards gala dinner to recognize IEEE members and subunits who have given valuable achievements
  - Loyalty pins and certificates presented to members with over 20 years of memberships

- The section is planning to continue to foster Section Vitality by the following actions:
  - Help members to renew their memberships with local payment
  - Support the activities of the subunits
  - Encourage the initiatives of volunteers
IEEE in Africa

- Further encouragements and support from IEEE to activities in African countries not represented by sections and subsections
- Sign partnership between IEEE and main African organizations
- Help subsections to organize IEEE activities in their countries. For example: inviting distinguished lecturers
- The Tunisia section is able to help organizing IEEE activities in other countries in Africa

Support from IEEE Office in Vienna, Austria

- Help the sections to participate in European funded projects
- Help non-European IEEE members to receive visa in order to participate in IEEE activities in Europe
- Help the sections to contact European companies to find patrons to the IEEE activities

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Tunisia section received the 2017 IEEE MGA Outstanding large section award
- The 2017 IEEE president and the 2017-2018 IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect participated in the ME-SYP congress in Tunisia (organized by the INSAT SB) and met with our IEEE members
- The Tunisia section is now legally recognized in Tunisian government as local association
- Two cities (Ariana and Sfax) were selected as affiliate cities in the IEEE smart cities initiative http://smartcities.ieee.tn
- Plan to organize the 10th IEEE Tunisia section Anniversary on 2018
- IEEE R8 EnergyCon 2020 will be organized in Tunisia http://www.ieee-energycon2020.org