

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://tsyp.ieee.tn>
 - Engineering days for students to present their projects
 - Helped students to participate in the IEEE competitions (IEEE Day, MTG, MadC, IEEEExtreme 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>
- 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>