

Bahrain Section

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What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations? How are you going to continue to foster Industry Relations?

- Many members are working at local companies and factories, they created strong relations between their companies and Bahrain section through section industry ambassador to support joint events
- 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.
- SYP tour was implemented by SYP chair during the conference days at major telecommunication company "Batelco"
- Many Saudi companies supported that event.
- HE. The Minister of electricity & water authority EWA supports Bahrain section registration as a local branch of IEEE International

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Attracting and Supporting Future Members? How are you going to continue to support Students and Young Professionals?

- Section secretary had held a social evening on 22nd April 2017
- Section secretary has held a meeting on 17th Jan 2018 at University of Bahrain "UoB" to form computer society chapter
- 3 members had participated in SYP Congress, Tunisia on 1-4 August 2017
- Encouraging students to participate in the student paper contest "SPC", Marrakech, Morocco, 2-7 May 2018
- Continues Registration of Bahrain Section by the Bahrain Government as a local branch of IEEE international
- I invited Applied Science University "ASU" president & faculty during our meeting on 23 rd. December at their campus to form STB branch

What activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality?

- Holds several ExCom meetings
- A new Communication Society Chapter has been formed and started its activities
- A new IAS Society Chapter has been formed and will start its activities shortly
- I invited to a new AESS Society Chapter formation
- A new humanitarian group (SIGHT) has been formed and started its activities
- Waiting approval of a new Computer Society Chapter
- We started collaboration with other sections in R8 and other Regions to exchange ideas, sponsor activities and doing common events

What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Area Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

- I focused on five countries (Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and Zambia) on the following broad goals: Engineering education, vocational training, workforce development and humanitarian technology-based projects
- During my meeting with Eng. Martin, Kenya section chair at section congress, SC 2017, Australia, I discussed all possible future collaboration to share ideas about vocational training and humanitarian technology-based projects
- I plan to meet the other 4 sections delegate during the Region 8 meeting to discuss the same or more issues

What services and which kind of support would you expect for Region 8 and/or your section out of the new IEEE office in Vienna,Austria? How has the existence of this office influenced your section since its inauguration last year?

- "Establishing the European Technology Centre marks an important step in furthering IEEE's global, strategic activities within Europe and beyond," said Karen Bartleson, 2017 IEEE president and CEO
- We expect Europe regional meetings support from IEEE Vienna office
- We are looking forward for opening an IEEE office in Bahrain too, especially after we got support from the government for our section registration

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- Bahrain Section welcomes all to comment/ feedback 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/>
- Bahrain Section has got an 2017 MD outstanding recognition:
 - Jan 2015 :: 88 members
 - Jan 2016 :: 163 members
 - Jan 2017 :: 212 members
 - Jan 2018 :: 220 members