

Saudi Arabia (East) 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?

- Encouraging IEEE members from the industry to volunteer and organize IEEE events
- Inviting industry representatives to IEEE meetings.
- Discussing with the industry the best possible ways to collaborate and organize joint events
- Visiting industrial organizations and promoting IEEE.
- Organizing seminars with the industry in the latest technologies and applications
- Contacting industrial organizations to sponsor technical dinner meetings.

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?

- The section organized the 1st SYP GCC in the region with the help of student branches and YPs in the region.
- Officers visiting the Universities and introducing IEEE benefits.
- Financial Support to hold competitions and technical forums within Universities.
- Several events were sponsored at different universities in the region
- Two student activities coordinators will be appointed to assess the branches to organize events and help in establishing new branches.
- Section's website will be updated soon to provide updated information to the current and future members.

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?

- Email contacts with the members and keep an active channel with all members.
- Organizing technical meetings with free attendance for Members.
- Holding more contact meetings with members and monthly technical seminar in two major cities in the region.
- Establish a new publicity committee that will be responsible of the website, social media accounts, and the newsletter.

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?

To organize joint events between the sections in middle east and in Africa to discuss the common challenges and initiatives.

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?

We would like to receive more legal support to resolve some major issues that the section experience

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

- The 1st GCC Students and Young Professionals Congress (GCC SYP Congress)
- The 9th IEEE-GCC Conference & Exhibition to be held on 6-9 May 2017
- Participate with an IEEE booth to be set-up during the Information Technology Professional Development Program (PDP) Conference that is planned to be held on November 2, 2016
- To Organize the 1st local Robotics Competition in Riyadh