

Jordan 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?

We are trying to get closer to industry through the following techniques:

- Having more members in the section committee from industry; eight members of this committee are now from industry
- Our young professionals hold several professional and technical activities that involve young professionals from industry.
- We organize special workshops targeting engineers from industry such as Amman Metro Area Workshop. The second workshop of this series was held in September 2017
- We have expanded our annual student branches congress to include young professionals this year. JSYPC 2017 was held in July.
- Our biannual conference on applied electrical engineering and computing technologies targets participants from industry and focuses on academia/industry relationships and joint research. AEECT 2017 was held in October.

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?

We attract and support future members through the following techniques:

- Our section, chapters, affinity groups, and student branches hold many activities every year that give value to members and generate great visibility to IEEE in Jordan. Such activities continuously attract new members.
- We encourage and support creating new student branches and student chapters; several new branches and chapters were created last year. Such new organizational units attract new members and hold additional activities.

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?

We continue to foster section vitality and sustainability through the following techniques:

- Holding periodic elections for all organizational units including the section, the chapters, student branches and chapters, and affinity groups.
- Encouraging all units to hold periodic activities and meetings and to report these activities.
- Continue attracting new members and improve the retention rates.
- Hold general meetings and congresses such as JSYPC 2017 and the annual Section General Meeting. This year's the Section General Meeting will be in May. In this meeting, we have our annual recognition ceremonies and a keynote.
- The section financially supports activities organized by affinity groups and students and supports their participation in regional and international professional meetings.

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?

Jordan Section is open to collaboration with IEEE activities in Africa.

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?

To facilitate the mobility of the Region 8 members between the different countries, e.g., help in securing visas. To help in legalizing the existence of IEEE offices in the different countries of Region 8.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Jordan Section continues to achieve good results:

- Jordan Section has received the IEEE Gold Medal for 2017 Outstanding Section Membership Recruitment and Retention Performance.
- Our YP AG received Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award.
- We organize a biannual conference and technically co-sponsor several conferences in Jordan. The AEECT2019 conference will be held in Amman in Spring 2019. We are planning to hold it this time as a joint conference with two other conferences that we usually co-sponsor. We hope that the joint conference will attract more participants, better research papers, and have wider range of activities.



Fig. 1. YP



Fig. 2. General Meeting



Fig. 3. ABEET2017