

Tunisia 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?

The following activities fostered our industry relations:

- Co-founder of the ?IoT Tunisia? group in cooperation with well-known ICT companies in Tunisia in order to improve the technical skills of our members
- Organizing industry tours for students to the main companies and manufactures
- Inviting industrial engineers to the IEEE conferences
- Signing MOU with main companies in Tunisia: Primatec, Cynapsys, and Logidas

Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:

- 1 new MOU was signed on November 2017 with Logidas
- The number of IEEE professional members from industry increased
- The section?s newsletter was sent to the local companies in order to present the IEEE Tunisia section activities

The section will continue to foster Industrial Relations by the following actions:

- Organize a networking meeting between industry stakeholders and IEEE student who will be graduated on 2018
- Organize challenges in cooperation with industry partners
- Sign more agreements between IEEE Tunisia section and companies

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?

To support our members, the section organized the following activities / programs / initiatives:

- IEEE Tunisian Students and YP congress
- IEEE Tunisian Engineering day 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 main IEEE events in Tunisia, including ME-SYP in Tunisia and IAS annual meeting
- 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:

- TSYP 2017 attracts 700 IEEE members <http://tsyp.ieee.tn>
- World Robot Olympiad WRO Tunisian Qualifications <http://wro.ieee.tn>
- 3 International conferences
- 2 TISP workshops
- 5th ME Students and Young Professionals MESYP Congress
- Create 3 SB, 2 WIE student groups, 3 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
- TSYP congress

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?

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 more incomes.

The major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality are the following:

- Reached the recruitment goal
- Organized section?s awards ceremony to recognize IEEE members and subunits who have given valuable achievements. 7 awards were presented.

- Loyalty pins and certificates presented to members with over 20 years of memberships

The section is trying to foster the 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

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?

- 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 can help to organize IEEE activities in other countries in Africa
- Establish IEEE Geographic Council 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?

- Help the sections to participate in European funded projects (H2020, Erasmus+, etc.)
- 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 for our IEEE activities

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

- Plan to organize the 10th IEEE Tunisia section Anniversary on 28 June 2018
- Plan to organize the IEEE WIE Leadership Summit (WIELS) in Tunisia on 10-12 August 2018
- Tunisia section received the 2016 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 and met with our IEEE members
- IEEE R8 EnergyCon 2020 will be organized in Tunisia <http://www.ieee-energycon2020.org>



Fig. 1. MESYP



Fig. 2. TSYP2017



Fig. 3. MGA Section Award 2016