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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 Algerian section is preparing in October 2018 a meeting in partnership with the Algerian Association of Electrical and Electronic Engineering to promote relationship with industrial researchers. A conference with the national company of Electricity and gaz (Sonelgaz) will be organized on February 2019. Some industrials are promoting financial sponsor for our conferences organized with IEEE. We aim to involve some industrials in promoting research at universities but it still an issue at the moment.

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and YoungProfessionals? 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?

Our section encourage some PHD student to have a free membership during conferences, they are selected according to the best presented papers. The IEEE Algerian section has also approved the creation of the Electronic and Robotic club. By this occasion, the section encourages the young researchers to create a student branch in this area. Young professional is also encouraged to be involved in our meeting. Besides that, our section has announced the IEEE day that will be organized during the activities of CISTEM?18 conference in October 2018.

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

We hope that IEEE review the price of membership in order to improve section vitality since it still a big problem for our students to pay; The big success is the participation of PHD students and young researchers in IEEE conferences technically sponsored by IEEE and our section. We continue to support our section by encouraging other researchers, academics or industrials to be involved in our section activities.

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?

The Algerian IEEE Section has participated to form the IEEE Africa Council as approved by IEEE Region 8 and the Member and Geographic Activities Board (Tunis, June 2018). This was preceded by the elaboration of the IEEE Africa Council Bylaws. Our section has proposed some activities like creating web site or sponsoring meeting in Algeria to promote IEEE in Africa. Our recommendation consists of linking the different sections involved in this activity to share ideas related to IEEE.

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?

Since we are facing some financial problems, we wish that IEEE will review the price of membership in order to enhance section vitality and also the conference fees that organizers should pay (1500 USD) which cause a big issue.

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