

## 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
- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:
  - Participation to main Industry forums in Tunisia and Meetings with companies stakeholders and signing MOUs with Satoripop and Goodwill
  - 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:
  - Invite companies stakeholders to the students and young professionals congress
  - Organize challenges in cooperation with industry partners
  - Sign new agreements with main 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 humanitarian projects and events
  - Helped students and YP to participate to the main IEEE events, including R8SYP, PES Student congress, 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:
  - 3D Design Challenge <http://3D.cinnovent.com>
  - World Robot Olympiad WRO Tunisian Qualifications <http://wro.ieee.tn>
  - 4 International conferences (SSD, ATSIP, ASET, and MECBME)
  - IOT workshop and IOT Annual Forum and DDL Summer School and DevFest Smart Cities Hackathon and I-Protect Cyber Security workshop and open Energy Day
  - 2018 IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit (WIEILS) <http://wiels.ieee.tn>
  - Invitation of Distinguished Lecturers
  - Create 1 SB, 1 WIE student groups, 4 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
  - 6th TSYP congress on 16-18 December 2018

**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 interms 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
  - Organizing the election of the Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapters officers for the term of 2019-2020
  - Nominating members with over 10 years of professional activities to apply for senior member grade
  - Searching for new volunteers to activate some dormant chapters and helping them to organize activities
  - 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:
  - Signing MOU with Ministry of Education, Order of Tunisian Engineers, Association of Scientific Research and Innovation in Computer Science (ARSII), IBM Tunisian, and ICT Federation of UTICA

- Organized section's awards ceremony to recognize IEEE volunteers who have given valuable achievements
- 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 African countries to organize IEEE activities in their countries by inviting distinguished lecturers
- Tunisia section can help to organize IEEE activities in other countries in Africa
- Tunisia section organized the 1st IEEE Africa council meeting in Tunis on 28-29 June 2018

**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.**

- Organized the 10th IEEE Tunisia section Anniversary on 28 June 2018, with participation of the IEEE President, the R8 Director, the Communications Society, and several other speakers
- Organized the IEEE WIE Leadership Summit (WIELS) in Tunisia on 10-12 August 2018
- Co-Organizing the Innovations salon with the Sfax International Fair, on 26-30 October 2018
- IEEE R8 EnergyCon 2020 will be organized in Tunisia <http://www.ieee-energycon2020.org>