

Bahrain 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?

- Section registration completion with government as a local Bahrain branch of the international IEEE Worldwide Limited, started collaboration with Ministry of Electricity and Water Affairs (EWA);
- An Industrial Applications Society Chapter CH08843-IA34 was formed and it will be re-activated;
- New AESS Society Members were enrolled to form an AESS Bahrain Chapter to cooperate with Bahrain National Space Science Agency (NSSA);
- A new Computer Society Chapter CH09480-COM16 was formed, made its election and started its activities.

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?

- Three Membership Development Presentations were made: two at University of Bahrain (both Campuses) and one at AMA International University, April 2018. The fourth will be held on 27 September 2018 at Applied Science University (ASU);
- New Officers were appointed/ elected as the section grows in size:
 - Section Honorary Chair / Award & Recognition Committee Chair - Dr. Isa Qamber;
 - STB Counselor for AMA University - Dr. Zainab AlAnsari;
 - STB Counselor for Bahrain Polytechnic University - Mr. Abdul Monem Ali;
 - STB Counselor for a newly formed student branch at Applied Science University (ASU) - Dr. Moaid Khedr;
 - New Educational Activities officers were appointed - Ar. Adel Abdulla & Dr. Resala Aladraj;
 - MDO (Dr. Ali Zolait) and Assistant MDO (Eng. Asmaa Hassan);
 - Industry Relations Coordinator (Dr. Mohamed Al Khalid);
 - Student Activities Chair (SAC) (Dr. Ghossoon Al Saadoon);
 - Two SAMIEEE/ vTools Coordinators (Dr. Bassam Al Hamad and Dr. Abdulla AlAsaadi); As you can see the section is very active and its members are involved in various 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?

- Bahrain Section Celebrated IEEE Day, with the theme of: "Leveraging Technology for a Better Tomorrow" It was held at Applied Science University on October 2018, the next celebration will be on October 2019 with another party.
- Social Evening December 2018
- Technical Sponsorships of the following conferences:
 - 45410, International Conference on Innovation and Intelligence for Informatics, Computing, and Technologies (3ICT), 18-20 Nov 2018, Bahrain Website URL: iiict.uob.edu.bh
 - 44789, 8th International Conference on Modeling Simulation and Applied Optimization (ICMSAO), 15-17 April 2019, Bahrain Website URL: icmsao.uob.edu.bh
 - 45648, International Conference on Fourth Industrial Revolution, 19-21 Feb 2019, Bahrain Website URL: industry4conference.org
 - 10th. IEEE-GCC Conference & Exhibition, 19-23 April 2019, Kuwait Website URL: <http://ieeegcc.com/index.html>

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 past chair has contacted Gloria and agreed to start an inter-continental collaboration that the new chair intends to pursue by helping launch a new subsection at Somalia under the IEEE Bahrain section.

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?

- The past chair has contacted Prof. Clara at Belgrade and agreed to meet her during the 112th R8 meeting as IEEE Bahrain section is planning to have IEEE Joint events and that office can be the agent to Europe by sharing all mutual events with it to arrange, so they can help in providing a technical supports effectively.
- Moreover, we may create a similar IEEE office at Bahrain.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

- Participation in R8 SYP Congress, July 2018, Porto;
- Participating in IEEE Convene arranged by Meetings, Conferences & Events (MCE), scheduled for 19-21 July 2018 at Berlin;
- Re-activation of the pre-university education program by holding 2nd meeting with Talented Students Center officials March 2018;
- Participation in IEEE Volunteer Leadership Training Program (VoLT).

Photos and figures

