

Iran 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?

To increase industry relation, the new chair of the industry relation is chosen directly from an industry. We also, asked a vice chair for this committee who is another person with good industry affiliation and academic affiliation. We also negotiated with an accelerator to conduct 4 workshops for 2019 to encourage our students and other members to look into startups and relation with industry.

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?

I enjoyed the idea of business canvas for student branches, presented in the last R8 meeting. Thus, I have asked an accelerator to conduct a workshop on this issue for the student branches to attract more members.

It should be noted that we have a huge problem in the next year or two with the membership. Due to a huge devaluation of Rials with respect to other currencies, our members would not be able to renew for 2019 and/or 2020. So we expect to have a huge decline in the number of members. I have talked to MD in the headquarters. Their suggestion was to talk to R8 to help us in this regard. Thus, we need R8 help to keep our members.

We have conducted IEEEExtreme, IEEE Day, and two annual meetings to keep all the students and members in close interaction with the BOD, ExCom, and each other.

To support students and YPs, we have planned to get more in touch with our industry to support them.

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 have two major meetings annually which help us to keep the section lively and active. The students enjoy these meetings a lot. Our awards program encourages the students to become more productive and more interested in IEEE. Also, it is a way to recognize our YPs. We have several workshops conducted and/or sponsored by the section which have been very attractive to the students. We help and evaluate several international conferences in our country to help them conduct high grade conferences and be able to index their papers in IEEEExplore.

What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Council Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

We are interested in conduct joint activities with African sections. I think we can conduct workshops which would be very interesting and useful for African sections. I have sent a letter to Eric, the chair of AFRICON, and expressed my willingness to help in giving talk. We have great students who have been successful in IEEEExtreme and similar competitions. These students can conduct workshops for the students in the African sections to empower them. Our student branches run many workshops in different areas which may be useful for the students in African continent

We stand ready to help IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Council Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe in the implementation of the above proposals, or in any other way that our help is asked for.

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?

We have not felt any benefit from this office last year. The support that this office can provide us, considering the restriction by the US government, are:

- 1) Helping in inviting and supporting distinguished lecturers for our conferences.
- 2) Since we have not received our rebates for the past 20 years, it would be helpful if the office can help our members to reduce the membership cost, cost of registering for conferences, etc.
- 3) The office may help our section to be able to get into projects, such as SIGHT, to collaborate with other sections.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

We have started the new award for the late Prof. Caro Lucas. This award is for the great contribution in control and intelligent systems. We are getting close to our 50th anniversary. We are planning to have ceremonies in 2020. We have improved our WIE award to be more closer to IEEE's WIE award. We have been able to get support from industry to increase WIE activities. we have been successful in keeping the number of members fairly steady during the past several years. We are planning to have new supports for our student branches to start new initiative toward the goals of SIGHT.

Photos and figures

IEEE IRAN SECTION

Student Assembly of the IEEE Iran Section, Alzahra University

2018 IEEE Iran Section Awards, Saqqad university

2016

- IEEE Iran Section Student Assembly Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 15-16 Feb 2016
- IEEE Iran Section 2016 & 2017 Joint Assembly, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran
- IEEE Iran Section 2016 & 2017 Joint Assembly, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 7-8 March 2016
- IEEE Iran Section 2016 & 2017 Joint Assembly, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran

2017

- 20th Annual Meeting of the IEEE Iran Section, F. A. Hogh Fardis, 16th Mar, 17-18 May 2017
- IEEE Iran Section 2017 Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 2 July 2017
- IEEE Iran Section Student Branch Chair's Conference Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 22 November 2017
- IEEE Iran Section 2017 Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 22 November 2017
- IEEE Iran Section 2017 & 2018 Joint Assembly, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 20-21 December 2017
- IEEE Iran Section 2017 & 2018 Joint Assembly, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 20-21 December 2017

2018

- IEEE Iran Section 2018 Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 2 May 2018
- IEEE Iran Section 2018 Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 8 July 2018
- 20th Annual Meeting of the IEEE Iran Section, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 16-17 July 2018
- IEEE Iran Section 2018 Meeting, Alzahra University, Tehran, Iran, 18 July 2018