

Lebanon 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?

We, at Lebanon section, consider that the relation with Industry is a key point in our work. That is why we signed MoUs with many company such Alfa (one of the two mobile operators in Lebanon), Nokia, Ericsson and the order of Engineers of North Lebanon (All Engineers of north Lebanon are member of this order).

In addition, and to improve the relation of all our chapters with industry sector, this year we opened a new subcommittee called Industry Subcommittee. All chapters and affinity groups had a representative in this subcommittee and it is coordinated by the section industry Ambassador.

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?

Attracting news Members is very important to our section. We set a target to increase each year the number of our section members. We are respecting it and The number of Lebanon section was always increasing during last years.

To achieve this goal, In all our activities there is a Global presentation about IEEE, Benefits of Being IEEE members, how to join IEEE and a general description of our mission, vision and activities. The section will continue targeting Young professionals and student members in order to maintain a sustainable growth in membership.

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?

To keep the viability of our section we have to maintain our members and we have to find fund to our activities.

To achieve the first point, we always request from all our chapters and student branches to organize high level events targeting all our members : students, engineers and researchers. Based on these events and to encourage chapters and student branches to maintain their activities, each year we select the best chapter and best student branch in our section and award them prizes.

Concerning the second point (Fund), The relation with industry is always assuring to us financial support. Also we invented the IEEE Lebanon section conference : IEEE IMCET. It is a biannual conference. It was organized 2 times till now. In 2016 and 2018. It can introduce to us some spare money that will help us to fund our activities.

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?

Not engaged in such activities

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 office supports sections in Europe. That is why we did not got any relation with this office.

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Other than the regular activities we are organizing each year, We will organize this year a competition among all university final year students. It will be as student national conference. Each student will present his project and a Jury from industry and University professors will select the best projects in each track. The winning projects will receive prizes.