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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:

- Organizing IEEE Technical activities to increase the technical skills of our industry members
- Organizing industry tours to the main companies and manufactures for IEEE students
- Inviting industrial engineers to participate in the IEEE conferences
- Signing cooperation agreements with main companies in Tunisia
- Co-founded the IoT Tunisia group in cooperation with well-known ICT companies in Tunisia in order to help developing Internet of Things related projects.

Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:

- Participation in the main Industry forums in Tunisia;
- Meetings with companies stakeholders;
- Signing MOUs with SPG Group, Satoripop, GoodWill, Logidas, Primatec;
- The number of IEEE professional members from industry increased;
- The section 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 as well other main IEEE activities;
- Organize challenges in cooperation with industry partners;
- Sign 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;
- IEEE competitions (IEEE Day, MTG, MadC, IEEEXtreme Programming, etc.)
- Humanitarian projects and events
- Support students and YP to participate to the main IEEE events, including R8SYP, PES Student congress, and IAS annual meeting
- Support student branches, student chapters, and WIE student groups to organize their activities.

To better support our members, the section needs more financial support from IEEE and from Companies.

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;
- 5 International conferences (SMS, ComNet, JCCO, SmartNets, and ICM);
- 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;
- IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit (WIEILS) http:wiels.ieee.tn
- Invitation of Distinguished Lecturers;
- Create 1 chapter, 1 SB, 1 WIE student group, 1 student chapter.

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;
- 7th TSYP congress on 15-17 December 2019.

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?

The section is:

- Ensuring prompt communications with our members by email, eNottice, IEEE Collabratec, and Facebook;
- Organized the election of the Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapters officers for the term of 2019-2020;
- Nominated members with over 10 years of professional activities 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 website of the section http:www.ieee.tn.

To improve Section vitality and sustainability, the section needs more financial support.

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 awards ceremony to recognize our volunteers and subunits who contributed with 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 payments;
- Support the activities of the subunits;
- Encourage the new 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 subsections to organize IEEE activities in their countries.
- Tunisia section fully support the IEEE Africa council meetings.

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 and to search partners 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.