

## Kuwait Section

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**List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help your Section in your industry-related activities?**

- As for the industry involvements, the IEEE Kuwait Section had held several fruitful meetings with the public authority of industry (PAI) and the Kuwait society of Engineers (KSE). The discussions were aiming to demonstrate the needs and challenges facing the young professionals and engineers and to bridge the gap between the new graduates and the industrial sector as well as to provide the link with the industry in Kuwait.
- Along with the discussions and recommendations of the 112th IEEE R8 meeting that was held in Malta to set as a priority to get closer to industry and organize events with industry and to increase engagement and collaboration for industry and entrepreneurship activities, the IEEE Kuwait section had successfully organized the 10th IEEE-GCC Conference & Exhibition (IEEE-GCC 2019) under the theme "Powering the 4th Industrial Revolution". <https://ieeekw.com/ieeekw-section-gcc.html>
- The conference was held under the Patronage of His Highness the Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait and it was attracted various industrial companies at the local, regional and global levels. The keynote and invited speakers were from the academic and industrial fields. The fruitful discussions led to important recommendations on how to bridge the gap between the industry and the applied science. IEEE GCC conference and Exhibition provides a forum for discussion between different entities such as professionals from industry, academia and research institutions. The conference presented an excellent opportunity for scientists, innovators and engineers to interact and share their experiences with their peers of electrical & electronics engineering background. It was spanned for four days and accompanied by several tutorials and workshops as well as an industrial exhibition, tutorial sessions that were held on the first day of the conference. The IEEE-GCC 2019 conference program had included keynotes and invited speakers, peer-reviewed technical program, short papers, posters and invited sessions and industrial presentations.
- There were also two other events conducted by IEEE Kuwait Section, the 2nd Student and Young Professional Congress and GCC WIE Women Forum.
- The region may support and recommend having some distinguished experts in the fields of interests to the Section for to enrich the industry-related activities and events.

**List the activities addressed to Students and/or Young Professionals and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your students and YP-related activities?**

- The Kuwait section have held many students-related events and activities during the year 2019 and many others planned for the rest of the year 2019 and the year 2020. The goal is to organize events aiming to promote the IEEE to the society. The list below summaries these activities.
- Prior to the conference activities, Kuwait section had also organized the 2nd Student and Young Professional Congress Theme "Technology Innovation driven by GCC Young Professionals". The student congress presented the IEEE opportunities, contests, robotics competitions, Workshops, Student branch sharing experience sessions, Young Professionals sessions and tutorials. The IEEE R8 YP participated in the GCC-SYP congress that was held in Kuwait, April 19-20, 2019, in conjunction with the 10th IEEE-GCC conference and exhibition. Mr. Mohammed Al-Dallal represented the IEEE R8 YP and gave a talk promoting the IEEE and the YP. <http://www.ieeegcc-sypcongress.com/>
- IEEE Kuwait section had also organized with the Kuwait Women in Engineering Affinity Group the GCC Women Forum under the theme "Women Entrepreneurs and Innovators in STEM" to promote women engineers and scientists and inspiring girls in the region to follow their academic interests to a career in engineering. The forum discussion panels debated the challenges and obstacles that faces the women the industrial field and discussed the personal successes of the distinguished keynote speakers. It provided the opportunity to share the experiences and discusses their obstacles in the industrial fields and network at a local and global levels. The IEEE R8 WIE were invited and represented at the forum by Ms. Hzar Oqlah.
- The formation of the new student branch of the Australian College of Kuwait.
- Kuwait Section had also provided the technical and finical supports for the GCC Robotics challenge. <http://gccroboticschallenge.com/>
- Knowledge-cafe meetings for networking and sharing experiences.
- Together with chapters and branches, IEEE Kuwait section supports the Open Days events for universities students' held at the beginning of each semester to promote IEEE and to conduct a membership recruitment for new comers and to encourage the old student members to renew their.

Upcoming events:

- The Kuwait section join together at the local level with the IEEE chapters, branches and affinity groups are preparing for the celebration of IEEE Day on October 1st, 2019 to collaborate on ideas toward the vision of advancing technology for the benefit of a better tomorrow.
- Together with USA Embassy in Kuwait, IEEE Kuwait section will arrange a talk on information security at several academic and financial institutions in Kuwait on October 31, 2019. The talk will be delivered by Guillermo Christensen, a partner in Ice Miller's Data Security and Privacy and White-Collar Defense Groups.
- The section encourages the chapters, and the student branches for the participation in the IEEE R8 Alpha Engineers contest.

**List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your membership-related activities?**

- Kuwait Section Membership Development had been recognized for meeting both its recruitment and retention goals for the 2019 membership year.
- The section had organized social events to conduct a membership recruitment and to encourage members to renew their membership as well as reminding non-renewing members before the deactivation date via the registered email.
- Kuwait Section keep providing all the supports for Kuwait YP branch, ComSoc Kuwait chapter, other Affinity groups, Kuwait University student chapter, other private universities students branches.

**List the activities intended to support chapters, affinity groups, and student branches and the results obtained. List the related initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your support to chapters, affinity groups, and student branches?**

- As for the preparation to close the year 2019, the Kuwait section has completed and submitted the meetings and financials reports, and IEEE mandated documentations via vTools.
- Reporting the Section Officers, Affinity Groups, Chapters, and Student Branch Chairs via vTools.
- Updating the Section website with all activities and events. <https://ieee-kw.com/index.html>
- The Kuwait section is presented in Social Media (Facebook: @ieeekw, Instagram: @ieeekw, Twitter: @ieeekw)
- Promoting Affinity Groups, Chapters, and Student Branch Chairs to use of vTools.
- The section organized joint meetings and workshops for Chapters, Affinity Groups and Student Branches. The section will continue to conduct professional activities with student branches for the rest of the year 2019 and the coming year of 2020.
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- Conducting events to support the involvement with local and regional industry.
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- Kuwait section had also organized the 2nd Student and Young Professional Congress Theme "Technology Innovation driven by GCC Young Professionals".
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- The Kuwait section bi-annual board/Officer elections will be held on December 2019.
- The Kuwait section preparing events with the volunteers to promote pre-university activities at the local and regional levels such Teacher In-Service Program (TISP) for high school teachers to share their technical expertise and demonstrate the application of engineering concepts to support the teaching and learning of science and engineering.
- Participating in employment network fairs to provide the opportunities for both the IEEE members and the industry.
- Conducted research technical writing workshops for graduate students' levels as well as preparing for conducting the upcoming events such as the celebration of the IEEE day on the October 1st and conducting professional development and educational activities such as the information security seminars at several academic and financial institutions in Kuwait on October 27-31, 2019 together with USA Embassy in Kuwait by Guillermo Christensen, a partner in Ice Miller's Data Security and Privacy and White-Collar Defense Groups.



## 2019 Outstanding Section Membership Recruitment and Retention Performance Kuwait Section





