

## Jordan 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?**

We are trying to get closer to industry through the following techniques:

- We have appointed a member of the IEEE executive committee as the industry relations coordinator who has close ties with the industry.
- The section has established a close connection with the Jordanian Engineering Association (JEA) and agreed to have a close cooperation and coordinate mutual events joint with the industry
- The section is planning to invite many VIP industrial representative to join us the annual meeting, which will happen in March 2020
- The section is planning to sign several MoUs with companies from the industry to enhance the cooperation with them.
- The section is planning to have joint projects with the industry where students members will have the opportunity of planning and conducting their graduation projects in cooperation with the industry.
- The section has sponsored the organization of IEEE MESYP 2020 which will take place in Aqaba in Jordan, where several industrial representatives will be invited and an MoU with AlHikma Inc. will be signed
- The section has technically and financially sponsored the IEEE 2020 MECBME conference which will have several representatives from the industry.
- We have expanded our annual student branches congress to include young professionals last year.
- We organize special workshops targeting engineers from industry such as Amman Metro Area Workshop. The third workshop of this series was held in April 2019 in conjunction with JEEIT 2019.

**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?**

Jordan Section has witnessed large increases in its membership. The section now is a large section with more than 1,300 members, where more than 70% from them are young members. We attract and support students and young professionals through the following techniques:

- Our section, chapters, affinity groups, and student branches hold many activities every year that give value to members and generate great visibility to IEEE in Jordan. Such activities continuously attract new members.
- We encourage and support creating new student branches and student chapters; several new branches and chapters were created recently. Such new organizational units attract new members and hold additional activities.

**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?**

As mentioned above, Jordan Section has witnessed large increases in its membership. The section now is a large section with more than 1,300 members. We continue to improve the section's membership through the following:

- IEEE Day, which happens each year at the universities, where IEEE student branches arrange several membership development activities
- Holding conferences and workshops that attracts new members
- Students and YP activities, events and congresses

Finally, I would like to mention that Jordan Section has received the IEEE Silver Medal for 2018 Outstanding Section Membership Recruitment Performance.

**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?**

We continue to foster section vitality and sustainability through the following techniques:

- Holding periodic elections for all organizational units including the section, the chapters, student branches and chapters, and affinity groups.
- Inviting active members to join the executive committee and participate in arranging activities
- Encouraging all units to hold periodic activities and meetings and to report these activities.
- Continue attracting new members and improve the retention rates.
- Hold general meetings and congresses such as JSYPC 2019, 2020 and the MESYP 2020 and arrange the annual Section General Meeting. This year's Section General Meeting will be March where we have an annual recognition ceremonies and a keynote speech.
- The section financially supports activities organized by affinity groups and students and supports their participation in regional and international professional meetings. For example, we supported four participants in R8 SYP 2018.
- Hold networking event for IEEE members who are interested in collaborating on research
- Encourage members to apply for funding to make projects that benefits the society



**Challenges (with a focus on what support is required from Region 8)**

We need to have new benefits from IEEE such as more free online courses with certificates for the members to keep our members active and not to lose them by time

To have a discounted membership fees for the first time members to encourage them to be members

Keep the fees unchanged or reduce it.

