

## Oman 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?**

The section has carried a number of seminars related to current problems faced by industries such as Wide Area Monitoring System: Architectures and Applications in Future Smart Grid seminar and Integration of Renewable Resources into a Smart Grid seminar both of them are carried out in Oman Electricity and Transmission Company. The Engineers who are not yet IEEE member appreciated the Oman section activities and encouraged to join. More activities are planned for next year.

**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 section has organized (along with local student branches) the first SYP congress in Oman. The event was a success and encouraged students to show interest in IEEE. In addition, the Section has participated in the 2nd GCC SYP congress, held in Kuwait. The Section has fully sponsored a number of students to attend the event. This allowed the students to interact with other students in the region, learn from them, get inspired by them, and plan for further activities in their respective student branches. The section is also planning visits to universities and colleges to promote IEEE to students.

**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?**

The section continues to technically sponsor conferences to promote IEEE to the community. In addition, the section will continue to organize seminars and workshops to attract members.

**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?**

The Section has financially sponsored a major activity for student branches in March. Furthermore, the section has supported a number of technical activities. Similarly, the Section is closely working with Chapters in order to fulfill their mandate.

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

- 1) The number of participants in some activities are low;
- 2) How to encourage students to renew their memberships.