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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?

1) Activities/Programs/Initiative to Foster Industry Relations:
   - Need to have more International Industry Exposure
   - Communication between the Industry Relation officers of various section can help in sharing experiences.
   - Students field visits to industrial partners in Qatar
   - Students summer internships across region 8 instead of being only limited to Qatar industries
2) Changes required by IEEE to Improve Industry Relations:
   - More IEEE funding to encourage meetings with Industry People at initial stages
3) Major Successes in terms of Industry Relations:
   - Assigned Industry Relation Officer for the section.
   - Holding a few industry sponsored activities including involvement in students.
4) Steps to foster further Industry Relations:
   - Arranging Technical Workshops, Seminars for the Members from Industry (based on their feedback)
   - Add more officers in the IEEE section from industry

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?

1) Activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to support Students and Young Professionals
   - Technical Seminars and Field trips focusing on Student Members, exposing them to the Work environment and opportunities to work there in the future
   - Encourage and funding students and young professionals to participate in the next SYP congress
   - Students summer training programs at all engineering institutes
2) Changes required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better support Students and Young Professionals
   - Subsidies for conferences and broadcasting it so that students members are aware of it and can try to attend.
   - Awareness sessions for students should be organized in the colleges/universities
   - Arrange regional high profile professional/academic figure speeches program (similar to the distinguished lecture program) who travels to different countries to deliver motivating/educational speeches.
3) Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Students and Young professionals
   - Increase in the numbers of student members
   - Tasks to support the Students and Young Professionals
   - Conducting regular meetings with them
   - Informing them regarding the technical seminars and Field Trips
   - Student Branches aiming for more awards in the region
   - Holding several industry visits
   - Arranging several extracurricular trainings such as AI workshop, Programming workshop.
4) Things to do to continue Supporting Students and Young Professionals
   - More workshops on the benefits of joining IEEE
   - More Examples of success stories of Student and Young Professionals
   - Allocate fund for the SYP Congress
   - Establish regular student support extracurricular trainings/workshops/sessional schools to train students and young professionals on emerging topics and essential skills.

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?

1) Activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section
   - International Conferences in the region
   - Webinar and Workshops on the current topics
   - Regular training sessions/seasonal school for training/awareness on emerging topics and essential technical and professional skills.
2) Changes required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability
   - Provide Support and opportunity for hosting international conferences/seminars/workshops
   - Marketing strategy to enhance the numbers of IEEE members

- Increase the number of technical workshops/tedtalks etc locally
- More involvement of IEEE Members in local events

3) Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality
  - Student Branches are winners in various Student Congresses
  - Received Recognition Award from Membership Development office for meeting goals regarding retention
  - Formation of the IEEE Legal Entity in Qatar
  - Student Branches are involved in meetings
  - Initiatives to have more Affinity Groups
  - Establishment of successful sustainable active executive elections and renewal of the board.
  - Establishment of the Joint Information Theory and Communication Societies chapter in Qatar

4) Tasks to Foster the Section Vitality
  - Communicate with all the Officers in the Qatar Section through regular meetings.
  - Hold Elections or nominate officers for vacant positions
  - Conducting Seminars/Technical Talks
  - Organizing International conferences in Qatar
  - Establish more technical society chapters in Qatar
  - Arrange with established society chapters for regular technical events
  - Establish a consortium between student chapters to increase activities across different universities in Qatar.

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?

1) Recommendations:
  - Student Congress in Africa
  - Motivate more students from Student Branches to apply for the IEEE SYP congress
  - Noting down all the recommendations and discussing during the IEEE Region 8 Meeting

2) Support from Qatar Section
  - Send some students in the Student Congress in Africa to share their experiences with them.

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?

Invite students from Qatar Section to visit the office and get motivated to be more active in IEEE Excom from all the sections in Region 8 to have annual meeting in the IEEE office and share experiences among each other.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Successful establishment of the IEEE Joint Information Theory and Communication Society Section in Qatar.