

Morocco Section Assem Nasser

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?

Under the current COVID-19 circumstances, that impacted our daily activities, it has been hard to connect with various volunteers, especially with members and partners from industry. However, our section has been represented in the various industry virtual seminars organized by IEEE/R8 lately. They have been a good way to keep connected and learn from experiences of other peers/volunteers from IEEE.

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?

IEEE day celebrations have been a good opportunity to connect with students in a few universities like in Fes and Rabat. Virtual seminars this year by experts invited by student branches have been organized on October 4 by ENSAF student branch and other IEEE student members from Fes, and on October 6 by ENSIAS student branch. ExCom members have been involved to encourage and motivate the student members and other students and young professionals. A couple new Student Branches have been created; they will involve more students/volunteers. Technical and financial sponsorship of conferences in Morocco have also helped some of our volunteers involved.

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, the IEEE day celebrations, as well as activities by Morocco IEEE Women in Engineering activities, involving members in technical activities, preparing the IEEE WIE International Leadership Symposium 2020 along our Morocco flagship conference which coincides with the 6th IEEE CiSt Congress to be organized in Agadir later next year. Some support from the Region can be used by our WIE volunteers. Technical sponsorship of conferences in Morocco have also helped recruit a few new 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?

A couple new student branches have been recently created in Mohammadia Engineering School in Rabat and in Fes. Our volunteers from IEEE WIE and Student Branches have tried to stay connected and active despite the hard circumstances that we have been through. Technical sponsorship of conferences has also been useful in keeping our volunteers involved in IEEE related activities. We worked with the organizers of IEEE sponsored conferences that were due to be held but was not possible. The following conferences were held on-line, like the 1st International Conference on Innovative Research in Applied Science, Engineering and Technology, IRASET 2020, http://www.fs-umi.ac.ma/IRASET2020/, the 6th International Conference on Optimization and Applications, ICOA 2020, http://www.usms.ac.ma/apps/icoa2020/; and the International Conference on Geospatial Intelligence: Solutions and New Challenges, MORGEO 2020, http://www.morgeo.net/. Meetings of the YP AG chairs and Ambassadors have been held for the preparation of the Morocco SYP2020 Congress https://pages.qwilr.com/MESYP-ZE1TXMGgT1S6. It will be held alongside the 6th IEEE CiSt Congress later next year. Two teams from Morocco have participated in the R8 Entrepreneurship Initiative competition, Arecycle and Plantifai. The latter was among the winners. Representatives of our section have attended the IEEE Region 8 Orientation meeting held online on May 20, 2020, and the Africa Council Meeting held online on April 30, 2020. Our section chair is a member of the Africa Council Industry Committee with multiple meetings organized so far. Our ExCom held several online meetings (WebEx, Zoom...) including for the ExCom Committee (online May 2, 2020) and the Conference Sponsoring Committee (meetings/discussions online, WhatsApp)

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

Some innovative support is needed to address the COVID challenges.











CAREER EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

PLANING

15:30 Opening 15:40 Word of IEEE ENSAF SB CHAIR "Mr. Oussama Elmerrahi Word, Chair of IEEE Morocco Section "Mr. Nasser Assem 15:45 15:50 Word, Ex-Chair of IEEE Morocco "Mr. Mohammed El Mohajir 16:00 Mr. Mohssine Lakhdissi intervention 16:45 Q/A Mr. Khalid Machachete intervention 17:00 17:45 Q/A Online Event Mr. Oussama Elhaddad intervention 18:00 18:45 Q/A 19:00 Closing Vice-Chair of IEEE ENSAF SB "Mr. Hamza Mabroum F LEET ENSAF Sutudent Branch







