

**Section Name OMAN**

**Reporting Officer Name**

**Section Vitality**

Please provide information about the date of last Section elections, date of next elections, and do you have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair. Section ExCom meetings (list them and provide brief summary if appropriate). List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained.

- Section election for Computer Society Chair was done in November 2020, new chair for the society was elected
- Several activities are carried out by the section with the aim to disseminate knowledge and attract more people to Oman section
- A new workshop at the Section has been initiated in order to help and train new SB Counselors and SB student chairs. The event will take place on 18th February 2021. This year will be its first series; The 1st IEEE Oman Student Activities & Membership Development Training Workshop.

**Students**

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

- Establishment of new Student Branch at Dhofar University
- Reactivation of 2 Student Branches; University of Nizwa and Modern College of Business and Science
- Almost in each board meetings the activities related to students and Young Professionals are discussed. On our board meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 one major event related to students was discussed and approved which is 2nd SYP Congress that will be held virtually on 23 March 2021.

**Affinity Groups**

List of Affinity Groups (YP, LM, WiE, SIGHT, etc.), list of SB AGs, newly formed or dissolved AGs/SB AGs, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). List the activities intended to support affinity groups.

- New officer for WiE was selected, she presented 2021 plan to the board members on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. She plans to arrange several activities with the help of some members from the board.

**Chapters**

List of Chapters and SB Chapters in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved Chapters, if any since the last meeting reporting (Oct 2020). Indicate how many have reported on time and received rebate. Highlight some of the activities.

- Geoscience and Remote Sensing chapter was formed

**Industry**

List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained.

- The section has carried a number of seminars related to current problems faced by industries such as protection system. The Engineers who are not yet IEEE member appreciated the Oman section activities and encouraged to join. Many activities are planned for the coming year

**Activities since the last report**

Highlight some of the activities in your Section, with special attention to the things that work well, and things that don't, so that your acquired know-how can be used by other Sections.

- Including key members from the industry to be in IEEE Oman Section Board resulted in boosting activities and having more support from the industries.
- Having dialog with the industries on the benefits that will be gained for IEEE member, can attract more members from industries

**Planned activities**

Highlight some of the future activities and initiatives in your Section.

- *Each society and Affinity Group (WiE and YP) presented a plan of the activities for the rest of the year*

**How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities**

List any challenges you Section is facing and what support is required from the Region 8. Please, also, give us your suggestions for agenda items that you want to be discussed during the R8 Committee meeting.

- *How to encourage members to renew their membership?*
- *A training workshop has been initiated to resolve problems related to SB Counselors reporting of activities in Vtools and provide guidance to SB Student Chairs. This may improve SBs productivity and sustainability of the SBs.*

**Any other issues of interest**