

Section Name: *Oman Section*

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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.

- Oman Section Election was conducted in October 2020. The election for new chair, vice chair, secretary and treasury is already started.

deadlines for the election are:

- *Deadline to submit nomination: 21st Oct 21*
- *Announcing nominees and inviting members to cast a vote: 31st Oct 2021*
- *Deadline to cast vote: 14th Nov 2021*
- *Announcing results: 21st Nov 2021*

<i>Meeting #</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Type</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>14th Sept 2021</i>	<i>4-5 pm</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>29th June 2021</i>	<i>4:00-5:05 pm</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>30th Mar 2021</i>	<i>4-5 pm</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>15th Feb 2021</i>	<i>4-5 pm</i>	<i>Virtual</i>

- Several activities are carried out by the section with the aim to disseminate knowledge and attract more people to Oman section

- A new workshop (IEEE Oman Student Activities & Membership Development Training Workshop) at the Section has been initiated in order to help and train new SB Counselors and SB student chairs. A series of training sessions is plan to be conducted.

-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.

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 Global College of Engineering & Technology

-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. 2nd SYP Congress was held virtually on 23 March 2021. A plan was submitted from Ibra student branch to arrange 3rd SYP Congress in March 2022

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 from industry, Oman section will select Vice chair for WiE from university

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

- An international forum was organized, on 26 May 2021, by the Remote Sensing & GIS Research Center (RSGISRC) representing the Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) and IEEE-Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (IEEE-GRSS) Oman Section in collaboration with the Islamic World Organization for Education, Science and Culture (ICESCO) and Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS). In view of the pandemic conditions that the world is going through, the forum was held on the Zoom platform. The number of registered participants reached 250 participants from 28 countries.

- Power and Energy Society received rebate*

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 this 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 members, 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?*

Any other issues of interest