

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 2021. The date for the next election will take place in October 2023.*
- *We don't have the practice of appointing the Vice-Chair as the next Section Chair*

Meeting #	Date	Time	Type
1	13 th Sept 2022	4-5 pm	Virtual
2	6 th Dec 2022	4:00-5:05 pm	Virtual
3	22 January 2023	4:30-5:00 pm	Virtual

- *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.*
- *A number of webinars were conducted to some key industry in Oman such as PDO and Nama Group*
- *Oman Section arranged annual gathering on 21st December 2022, around 180 participants attended the gathering*

Students

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

- *(UTAS) Univ of Technology and Applied Science-Shinas*
- *Oman Section is in process of forming 2 new student branches: at (UTAS) Muscat and Arab Open University*
- *-Almost in each board meetings the activities related to students and Young Professionals are discussed. A plan was submitted from I Sultan Qaboos University student branch to arrange 4th SYP Congress in March 2022.*
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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. List the activities intended to support affinity groups.

- *New SIGHT is established at Oman section and currently working on the plan of future activities*
- *WiE did a number of events including Webinars and small gathering*

Chapters

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

- *Power and Energy Society is organizing a forum 24-26 May 2023. The forum will have a number of themes such as Renewable energy, energy efficiency, smart grid and asset management. The participants will be mainly from industrial sectors*

Industry

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

- We have added more members from industries to our board.
- The forum that was arranged by Power and Energy Society in May 2022 was a successful one. More than 200 participants attended the forum. Some companies asked us to arrange a talk about IEEE
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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Highlight any diversity metrics (gender, age, religion, geographical, employment, etc.), new initiatives, best practices and progress around diversity and inclusion happening in your Section. Link to IEEE DEI statement [<link>](#).

-Oman section has appointed an officer for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He is working on the plan of activities for 2023.

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.

--Having dialog with the industries on the benefits that will be gained for IEEE members, can attract more members from industries

- Arrangement of annual gathering

Planned activities

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

- A forum will be conducted for three days from 24-26 May 2023
- SYP congress will take place in March 2023 with participation of several student branches

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.

Any other issues of interest

- Avoid arrangement of Region 8 meeting during Ramadan time, it is only shifting the time by one week



