

**Kuwait Section****Dr. Abdullah Alqallaf****Section Vitality**

Kuwait Section (R80057)

-Next call for IEEE Kuwait section Board Members Election for the year 2024 – 2026: The call for Section board members nomination will be announced via IEEE vTools eNotice on December 1, 2023 for the IEEE active members.

-The section will discuss the practice of having Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair on our upcoming meeting.

-The Section had held 5 ExCom meetings as scheduled and reported in the IEEE vTools for the year 2022.

-Kuwait Section Membership Development had been recognized for meeting both its recruitment and retention goals for the 2022 membership year.

-The IEEE Kuwait section had organized social events to conduct a membership recruitment and to encourage members to renew their membership as well as reminding non-renewing members before the deactivation date via the registered email.

-Kuwait Section keep providing all the supports for Kuwait YP branch, ComSoc Kuwait chapter, other Affinity groups, Kuwait University student chapter, other private universities students branches.

**List of the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained are as follows.**

**The section technical support:** The section provides technical and financial support for the IEEE entities in Kuwait to participate in the activities locally and regionally. The IEEE Kuwait section provides a technical co-sponsorship in the year 2023 for the following conferences:

1. **The 1st International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Health Sciences & Healthcare Applications, was organized by Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in partnership with IEEE Kuwait Section & ComSoc chapter, held in the Health Sciences Center (HSC) Auditorium, Jabriyah, Kuwait University, KUWAIT, Nov 29 - Dec 1, 2022.**

<https://ai-hsehc.com/>

2. **The 4<sup>th</sup> IEEE Middle East & North Africa COMMUNICATIONS Conference (MENACOMM 2022) was held on 6-8 December 2022 in Amman the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, was technically co-sponsored by IEEE ComSoc chapters in the MENA region including Kuwait chapter.**

<https://menacomm.org/>

3. **Cyber security challenges and solutions (CSCS'23) held in Kuwait, 15-16, Feb 2023.**

<https://e.paaet.edu.kw/AR/SpecialTrainingINS/CSCS23/Pages/e/default.aspx>

4. **IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON 2023) which will be held in Kuwait, 1-4 May 2023.**

<https://2023.ieee-educon.org>

5. **2023 Fourth International Conference on Intelligent Data Science Technologies and Applications (IDSTA) #58916, which will be held in Kuwait, October 2023.**

<https://intelligenttech.org/IDSTA2023/program.php>

6. **2023 Fifth International Conference on Blockchain Computing and Applications (BCCA) ( 58897 ) , which will be held in Kuwait, October 2023.**

<https://intelligenttech.org/BCCA2023/index.php>

7. **Computer Applications and Technological Solutions, (CATS'23), which will be held in Kuwait, October 29-30, 2023.**

<https://cats23.gust.edu.kw/>

## Students

-The section provides financial support for Kuwait University student chapter and other private Universities branches for their activities and promoting the IEEE to recruit members and student members under these entities. Also, Section reach new private universities and colleges to form IEEE student branch and currently KTECH latest student branch in way to be announced.

## Section Student Branches (SB) and Affinity Groups

### Affinity Groups

#### Affinities

Kuwait Section Affinity Group, YP (YP80057)

### Student Branches

American University of Kuwait (SBC15371)

Australian College of Kuwait (SBC115501)

Kuwait University (SBC94941)

## List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

**Event:** Field trip to Al-Sheqaya Renewable Energy station

**Category:** Technical      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 15 Feb 2022      **Time:** 09:30 PM to 03:00 PM      **Location:** Al-Sheqaya, Kuwait

**Event:** Multicultural events with Kuwait Student Chapter (KSC)

**Category:** Nontechnical > Social      **Hosts:** YP80057 - Kuwait Section Affinity Group, YP meeting

**Date:** 28 Mar 2022      **Time:** 12:00 PM to 03:00 PM      **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** New excom meeting

**Category:** Administrative>ExCom      **Hosts:** YP80057 - Kuwait Section Affinity Group, YP meeting

**Date:** 01 Apr 2022      **Time:** 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM      **Location:** shwikh, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Celebration of Holyday in calibration with the social committee at EE Dept.

**Category:** Nontechnical > Social      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 11 May 2022      **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM      **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** Electrical Circuit workshop for beginners

**Category:** Technical      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)

**Date:** 01 Jul - 1 Aug 2022      **Time:** 01:00 PM to 04:00 PM      **Location:** South Surra, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** AutoCAD workshop for beginners

**Category:** Technical                      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)  
**Date:** 03 Jul 2022                      **Time:** 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM                      **Location:** South Surra, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Field trip to Control Center – Ministry of Electricity and water (MEW)  
**Category:** Technical                      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)  
**Date:** 31 Jul 2022                      **Time:** 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM                      **Location:** South Surra, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Field trip to Zain Telecommunication company  
**Category:** Technical                      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)  
**Date:** 01 Aug 2022                      **Time:** 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM                      **Location:** shwikh, Al-Kuwayt, Kuwait

**Event:** Open day for the Electrical and Electronics Engineers in calibration with the social committee at EE Dept.  
**Category:** Nontechnical > Social                      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)  
**Date:** 29 Oct 2022                      **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM                      **Location:** Shedadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** Celebration of Kuwait national day in calibration with the social committee at EE Dept.  
**Category:** Nontechnical > Social                      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)  
**Date:** 8 Feb 2023                      **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM                      **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

**Event:** Open day for the Electrical and Electronics Engineers in calibration with the social committee at EE Dept.  
**Category:** Nontechnical > Social                      **Hosts:** C16, Student Branch Chapter Kuwait University (SBC94941)  
**Date:** 15 Feb 2023                      **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM                      **Location:** Shedadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, Kuwait

## Section Rebates

The Kuwait section and all other affinity groups including the chapters and student branches had reported all the required and activities (technical and social) on time. However, due to laws and regulations in the local banking system in Kuwait, we did not receive the rebates for several years of the section and all other affinity groups including the chapters. The solution had been proposed by IEEE including the section Opening a new IEEE Concentration Banking (CB) account to resolve this matter and we work closely with IEEE officers to established and activated the section CB account.

## Chapters

Kuwait section is working on motivating and financially supporting the chapters and SB chapters to restart their activities for the year 2022/2023.

### List of Chapters and SB Chapters in Kuwait Section

#### Joint Chapters

Kuwait Section Jt. Chapter, C16/COM19/CAS04 (CH08797)

#### Student Branch Chapters

Kuwait University, C16 (SBC94941)

## Industry

As for the industry involvements, the IEEE Kuwait Section had held several fruitful meetings with the public authority of industry (PAI) and the Kuwait society of Engineers (KSE). The discussions were aiming to demonstrate the needs and challenges facing the young professionals and engineers and to bridge the gap between the new graduates and the industrial sector as well as to provide the link with the industry in Kuwait.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The section believes on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. As listed in the IEEE OU Analytics, the section members are from different gender, age, religion, geographical, employment. The section along with the student branches had conducted several the cultural and social activities events under the name “Multicultural Events” at the academic institutions on the local levels.

## Planned activities

The following are some of the future activities and initiatives planned by the Section and other affinity groups.

- 1- IEEE Day (will take place in October)
- 2- CyberSecurity workshop with collaboration with Kuwait University (local) and Bahrain University (regional) Student Branches. (Planned to be held in November)
- 3- Knowledge-cafe meetings for networking and sharing experiences. (Monthly)
- 4- Section student branches congress aims to allow sharing ideas, practices, and different realities of each Student Branch(Planned to be held in December)

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

-We recommend that region 8 summarizes all the sections reports and highlight the positive aspects and the points that are worth pursuing and present this summary in the upcoming region 8 meeting. We believe that other sections might benefit from the experience of other sections.

-Highlights on the distinguished sections and their successful stories to be imitative by the other sections in R8 or even other regions.

-The engagement of the R8 sections in the semi-annual meetings with hosted sections to enrich their experience.

-Having simple and clear rules for the awards nominations and the involvements of the Sections in the R8 subcommittees.