

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	6 th Dec 2022	4:00-5:05 pm	Virtual
2	22 January 2023	4:30-5:00 pm	Virtual
3	9 th May 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 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 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 the second IEEE Power Talks Forum for three days (22-24 May 2023). The forum was attended by many Engineers from industries. The total number of participants approach around 600. The arrangement was successful so we have decided to arrange the same event every year.*

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 Shinas student branch conducted an inauguration ceremony of being an official Student Branch on April 2023.*
- *UTAS Muscat student branch conducted a competition "Cython" from 17.06.2023 to 21.06.2023*
- *IEEE Oman SYP Congress 2023 will be arranged on October 23 and will be hosted by Sultan Qaboos University student branch.*

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 arranged the second IEEE Power Talks Forum for three days (22-24 May 2023). The participants will be mainly from industrial sectors.*
- *The Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society is planning to conduct a symposium on CPM and applications of AI in October 2023.*

Industry

- We have added more members from industries to our board.
- The second forum that was arranged by Power and Energy Society in May 2023 was a successful one. More than 500 participants attended the forum. Some companies asked us to arrange a talk about IEEE. Many Engineers showed interest to be a member of IEEE.

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

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.

- SYP congress will take place in October 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

- I wonder why Oman Section is not part of any committee at region level although the section is very active and we win several awards, most of sections have at least one member at the region level.



Event Insights

- 750 + Delegates
- 60 + Speakers
- 10 Exhibitors
- 6 + Panel Discussion
- 4 Workshops
- 30 + Technical Hours

The infographic includes three photographs: a panel discussion with five participants on a stage, a speaker at a podium with a sign that reads 'IEEE PowerTalks', and a large audience seated in a hall.

Event Highlights



Samples of the media coverage

Oman Power and Energy Forum highlights Oman's remarkable progress on energy transition

MUSCAT: The second edition of the annual three-day Oman Power and Energy Forum commenced yesterday at the Grand Millennium Hotel in Muscat and discussed developments in energy transition in line with Oman Vision 2040.

Eng Salim bin Nasser al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, was the Chief Guest at the forum.

In his keynote address at the forum, Al Aufi stated, "The global shift towards sustainable energy sources contributes to achieving a balance between sustainable development and mitigating the

impacts of climate change. It also presents an opportunity to capitalise on investments and economic prospects. This transformation is in line with the Sultanate of Oman's adoption of ambitious plans for its energy transition journey, aligning with the Oman Vision 2040.

This vision serves as a roadmap towards a more sustainable, diversified, and prosperous future by embracing clean technologies, diversifying energy sources, achieving zero carbon neutrality, and enhancing national capabilities through innovation,



in-country value programmes, industry localisation, job creation, and the development of national competencies."

He also emphasised the importance of partnerships and

cooperation in achieving the goals of transformation, overcoming challenges, and leveraging the opportunities presented by the sector. These efforts are aimed at securing a more sustainable future for the Sultanate of Oman and the world as a whole.

The forum is organised by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Oman Section, under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, and in partnership with the IEEE Power and Energy Society and Oman Society of Engineers with the support of

the Authority for Public Services Regulation and in strategic partnership with Nama Group.

The discussions on day one of the forum focused on three key themes including updates on market trends and policies, which provided insights into the latest developments and regulatory changes in the industry; sustainable energy, focusing on the promotion of clean and renewable energy sources; and distribution systems, which explored the modernisation and efficiency of energy delivery networks.