

IEEE Saudi Arabia (East) Section

Section Vitality

Please provide information about the date of last Section elections, **December 2021**, (**Current Term started January 2022 until December 2023**), date of next elections **October 2023**, and do you have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair. **No, it is not the practice**.

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. First Section ExCom meeting for 2023 was held in March to review 2021-2022 performance and discuss the business plan for 2023, the second meeting was held in June 2023 to follow-up on the action items, review Section chapters' performance, and plan for future events.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section we have a total of 18 Student Branches in the section (KFUPM, JIC, KFU, KFU Business Administration, KSU (4 Clubs), PMU, PSU, Qasim University, Alfaisal University, AlYamamah <u>University</u>, Prince Sattam University, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting. no change since last meeting report. List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals. A general meeting was held with all student officers (Total 17 attended) in February 2023 to activate branches to hold more activities. Also the first IEEE Saudi Young Professionals Congress is planned to be held in December 2023.

Affinity Groups

List of Affinity Groups (YP, LM, WiE, SIGHT, etc.) **IEEE Saudi Young Professionals Affinity Group**, 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. **A new Life Member Affinity Group is being established**.

Chapters

List of Chapters and SB Chapters in your Section, We have a total 9 chapters namely (Communication Society Chapter, Computer Society Chapter, Educational Society Chapter, Industry Applications Society Chapter, Power & Energy Society Chapter, Signal Processing Society Chapter, Geoscience and Remote sensing Society Chapter, Instrumentation and Measurements Society Chapter, Radio Frequency and Identification Society Chapter) the newly formed or dissolved Chapters, if any since the last meeting reporting. No new technical chapters since last meeting. Local groups for renewable energy, cybersecurity, and quantum computing are being established. Indicate how many have reported on time and received rebate. Highlight some of the activities. All chapters reported on time.

Industry

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

- Technical Dinner: Innovative Technologies Enhance Protection Performance with SEL in Jan 2023.
- Condition Monitoring of Power Asset June 2023
- Digital Technologies and Modern Energy Transition Webinar July 2023
- Grounding System Design Webinar July 2023
- Other webinars and technical dinners.

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 <u><link></u>. A new position was created in IEEE Saudi Arabia section to assign an officer for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and invited volunteers to fill the position.

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.

- Condition Monitoring of Power Asset June 20, 2023
- Digital Technologies and Modern Energy Transition Webinar July 12, 2023
- Grounding System Design Webinar July 24, 2023
- 2023 Student Officers Engagement Meeting.
- Total of 29 events held in the first half of 2023

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Planned activities

Highlight some of the future activities and initiatives in your Section. We intended to have to major events this year

- 1- Annual General Recognition Meeting by end of September
- 2- 2023 IEEE Saudi Young Professionals Congress
- 3- 2024 PCIC Dhahran
- 4- IEEE GCC 2026 to be held in Saudi Arabia

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.

Support from R8 to IEEE Saudi Arabia Section new treasurer and his team to familiarize themselves with the financial arrangement for the section

Any other issues of interest No other items