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Section Vitality

Kuwait Section (R80057)

-Next call for IEEE Kuwait section Board Memebers Election for the year 2024 – 2026: The call for Section board members nomination/election shall be announced by the election committee chair, Dr. Abbas Fairouz via IEEE vTools eNotice on is scheduled to be held on August 7, 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 2023.

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

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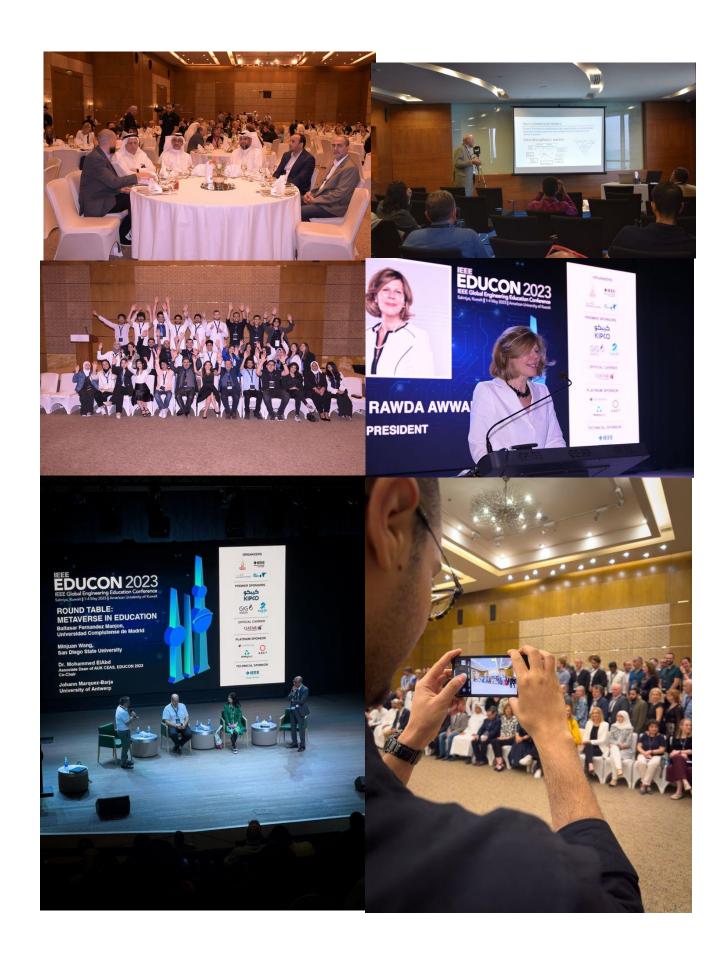

2. **IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON 2023) which will be held in Kuwait, 1-4 May 2023.**
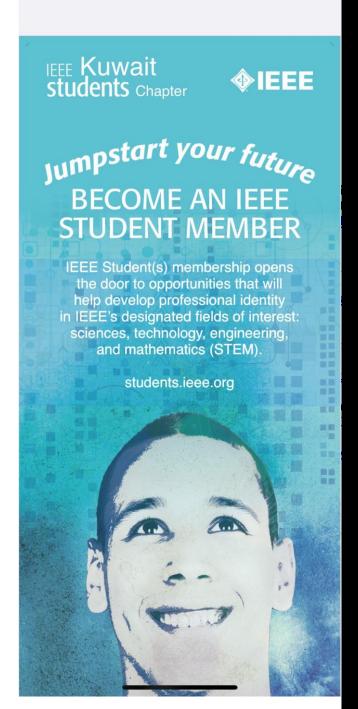
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   The 2023 IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON) was successfully conducted and has been posted to the IEEE Xplore digital library effective 2023-05-22. The proceedings can be found in the following link.

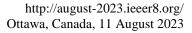   https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/conhome/10125098/proceeding

Dr. Ali Alfyly, Kuwait Section treasurer, introducing and promoting the IEEE and other affinity groups, ComSoc, WIE, YP, to the AUK students aside to the 2023 IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON) that was held in Kuwait, 1-4 May 2023.

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 2023   **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 2023   **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 2023   **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 2023   **Time:** 12:30 PM to 02:00 PM   **Location:** shidadiyah, Al-Farwaniyah, 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: 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 IEEE Kuwait section and all other affinity groups including the chapters and student branches had reported all the required activities (technical and social) on time for the year 2022. 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 had work closely with IEEE officers to establish and activate the section CB account.

On January 2023, the IEEE Kuwait section CB account has been initiated and activated. The next step is to contact the MGA - Business Finance Solutions, IEEE-Treasury Management and the NextGen Banking Program, to re-claim the rebates of the previous years for the Kuwait section, chpters and other affinity groups.

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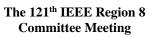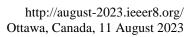
Planned activities
The following are some of the future activities and initiatives planned by the Section and other affinity groups.

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)

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.