

Bahrain Section

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Section Vitality

Date of last Section elections: 20 May 2023.

Date of next elections: May 2025.

Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair

Section ExCom meetings (we are holding one or more monthly meeting).

The activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained:

- ASU & AUBH asked about group invoices to pay for members and students for 2024.
- UTB President sponsored 60 students & 20 professionals' membership for 2024.
- Education organizer Dr. Neesha Khan Malik member # 96525866 personally sponsored 7 UoB students' membership.

Students

List of Student Branches (STBs) in Bahrain Section

S/N	Branch	No. of Member(s)	
		Now	Going to be
1	University of Technology (UTB)	58	100
2	Applied Science University (ASU)	05	20
3	University of Bahrain (UOB)	37	60
4	Ahlia University (AU)	07	20
5	Bahrain Polytechnic (BP)	13	25
6	American University Bahrain (AUBH)	26	50
7	Gulf University (GU)	16	25
8	Royal University for women (RUW)	Going to be founded according to a signed MOU	
9	Kingdom University (KU)	Going to sign an MoU and form student branches	
10	British University of Bahrain (BUB)		

Many student meetings held, and all were vTools reported

Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

- 1- Students SAC received rebate for students.
- 2- R8 students training at Egypt Feb 2024

Affinity Groups and Communities

- 1- Students & Professional gathering
- 2- New SIGHT AF Group Acting Chair appointed.
- 3- New YP AF Group Acting Chair appointed.
- 4- New WiE AF Group Acting Chair appointed.
- 5- Sustainable Climate Change Technical Community is going to be formed.
- 6- Entrepreneurship Community is going to be formed.
- 7- Pre-Univ STEM Community is going to be formed.
- 8- Robotic and Automation on Robot Learning is going to be formed.
- 9- Smart Grid Community is going to be formed.
- 10- Life GCC Member Group LMG had started.
- 11- 2 Life Members were added. Total are 3 live members.

Chapters

- 1- AESS Chapter is going to be formed.
- 2- EduSoc Chapter is going to be formed.
- 3- Power and Energy (PES) Chapter is going to be formed.
- 4- All chapters are vTools reporting.
- 5- IAS Chapter plans to hold new ExCom elections by for year 2024 -2026 term.
- 6- Comp & SSIT Chapters hold joint activity 27th Feb 2024 patronized by Ahlia University.

Industry

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

- 1- Speaker invited from Bahrain Electricity & Water Authority EWA.
- 2- Speaker invited from Bahrain Steel Factory.
- 3- Visit is planned to Bahrain _KSA Power smart grid.
- 4- Al Moayyad group invited GU STB for a site visit & is going to invite more STBs.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Diversity metrics (gender, age, religion, geographical, employment, etc.), new initiatives, best practices and progress around diversity happening in Bahrain Section's members, females 33% - males 54%.

Link to IEEE Bahrain Section < <https://r8.ieee.org/bahrain>>

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.

- 1- IAS Chapter meeting for activities presentation.
- 2- AESS Chapter petition & joining with Bahrain Aviation and Space Society.
- 3- Many lectures and seminars were held in partnership with different universities.

Planned activities

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

- 1- UTB STB visit to Al Moayyad International Group 30th Oct, 2024.
- 2- IEEE Day 6th Oct 2024.
- 3- Women Day 5th Dec 2024.
- 4- Aviation Day 7th Dec 2024.
- 5- IEEE-GCC Conf. & Exh. 25th, 26th, 27th Nov 2025.
- 6- Technically sponsored many conferences in Bahrain with UOB, UTB, ASU and going technically sponsored applications of AUBH and RUW.

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

- 1- Bahrain Section is facing financial issue and looking support from the Region 8, and that may be included in agenda items that I want to be discussed during the R8 Committee meeting.
- 2- One motion will be submitted to R8 Board 18th Oct 2024.
- 3- R8 to support next IEEE-GCC Flagship Conference in 25th, 26th, 27th Nov 2025.

Any other issues of interest

- 1- RUW MoU have been recently approved and signed 24th Sep 2024.
- 2- KU, UoB and BUB MoU's are going to be approved.
- 3- Comp & SSIT Chapters hold joint activity 27th Feb 2024 patronized by Ahlia University.

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, October 2024

FROM: Adel Abdulla, Chair of Bahrain Section

SUBJECT: Criteria for appointing representatives from Bahrain section in R8 committees and societies

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are some remarks to appointing a member to R8 committees or ad-hoc committees without referring to the section's ExCom. To ensure that the member will serve properly, the committee should know how convenient is that member for the future position which can be known from the OU that the member comes from in accordance with:

- The previous activities within the section which can furnish a good guide for a suitable choice.
- The loyalty to IEEE values can be known from the member's behavior history within his section.
- The local OU is usually the best endorser when it comes to nominations.
- To avoid misleading others while ensuring that the suitable person is in the correct place.

PROPOSED ACTION

An amendment may be made to align with the organizational goals and the collective integrity by including the necessity for an endorsement from the Bahrain section as one of the criteria when appointing a member to any R8 committees that carries Bahrain name/Bahrain Section name within it.