

# **Bahrain Section**

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# Section Vitality

Date of the last elections: 16 December May 2024.

Date of next elections: Nov. 2026.

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)	132	50
2	Applied Science University (ASU)		10
3	University of Bahrain (UOB)		60
4	Ahlia University (AU)		20
5	Bahrain Polytechnic (BP)		25
6	American University Bahrain (AUBH)		30
7	Gulf University (GU)		25
8	Royal University for women (RUW)		20
9	Kingdom University (KU)		20
10	British University of Bahrain (BUB)		<mark>20</mark>

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 2025

# **Affinity Groups and Communities**

- 1- Students & Professional gathering
- 2- New SIGHT AF Group Acing 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 in total.

#### 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 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 Kingdom University and MoU.
- 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 28.82% - 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- Section Election 2025-2026
- 2- Opening ceremony of 3ICT 2024 conference, University of Bahrain (technically sponsored by section)
- 3- The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Bahrain Branch, signs a memorandum of understanding for cooperation with Arab Open University 12-1-2025
- 4- IEEE Bahrain Section participation in the UTB Congratulations Class 2024,
- 5- American University in Bahrain visit.
- 6- Opening ceremony DASA 2024 conference, Applied Science University (technically sponsored by section).
- 7- Robotics Workshop, Bahrain Polytechnic, 12 Mar 2025
- 8- 4 Workshops by the STB64280, Bahrain Polytechnic, Feb 2025.

# **Planned** activities

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

- 1- GCC-Section Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- 2- IEEE Day 6th Oct 2025.
- 3- Women Day 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025.
- 4- Aviation Day 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025.
- 5- IEEE-GCC Conf. & Exh. 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025.
- 6- Technically sponsored many conferences in Bahrain with UOB, UTB, ASU and going technically sponsored applications of AUBH and RUW.
- 7- Extreme Programing Competition 2025
- 8- Student and YP Congress 2025-2026
- 9- Gulf Joint LMAG plan meeting 2025

#### 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- Conferences publication Rejection issue.
- 3- IEEE Conference petition
- 4- Repay back invoices paid for the conference that rejected to be published on IEEE Xplore.
- 5- R8 to support the next IEEE-GCC Flagship Conference on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025.
- 6- Conferences by local private universities issues and challenges

#### Any other issues of interest

- 1- KU MoU have been recently proposed to the president for 2025.
- 2- KU, UoB and BUB MoU's are going to be signed 2025.