

**Kuwait Section****Dr. Abdullah Alqallaf****Section Vitality**

The IEEE Kuwait Section Board Members Election for the term 2024-2026 was successfully concluded. The election committee, chaired by Dr. Abbas Fairouz, announced the results via IEEE vTools eNotice.

The current board members are:

Section Chair: Dr. Abdullah Alqallaf

Vice Chair: Dr. Mansour Jaragh

Treasurer: Dr. Ali Alfayly

Secretary: Miss Rash Shalabi

Student Activities Officer: Hanan Alkandari

Section ExCom Meetings Since Last Report:

Meeting #10 - 17 October 2024, Shedadiya, Kuwait University

Meeting #11 - 7 November 2024, The Hub Art Gallery, Kuwait City

Meeting #12 - 28 December 2024, P.O. Box: 5969 Safat – 13060 Kuwait

Meeting #13 - 26 January 2025, Jumeirah Hotel Resort, Kuwait

Meeting #14 - 28 February 2025, GUST University, Kuwait

Meeting #15 - 14 March 2025, GUST University, Kuwait

Kuwait Section received the 2024 IEEE Membership Outstanding Recruitment Performance Award.

**Students**

The IEEE Kuwait Section supports multiple Student Branches (SBs):

- Kuwait University Student Branch (STB94941)
- Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST)
- Australian University (AU)
- Box Hill College Kuwait (BHCK)

Student Activities Since Last Meeting:

IEEE Day – IEEE KSC Fun Day (9 Oct 2024, Kuwait University)

Collaboration with BAU Student Branch in Jordan (2 Nov 2024, Virtual)

IEEE UI/UX Hackathon (18 Dec 2024, Kuwait University)

4th Annual IEEE Winter Camp (12 Jan 2025, Various locations in Kuwait)

Cultural Exhibition (10 Feb 2025, Al-Ahmadi, Kuwait)

**Affinity Groups**

Active Affinity Groups in the Kuwait Section include:

- Young Professionals (YP)
- Women in Engineering (WiE)
- Life Members (LM)
- Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT)

Affinity Group Activities Since Last Meeting:

- Software Industry Summit (16 Nov 2024, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia)

- Artificial Intelligence and Law Conference (8 Dec 2024, Kuwait City)

## Chapters

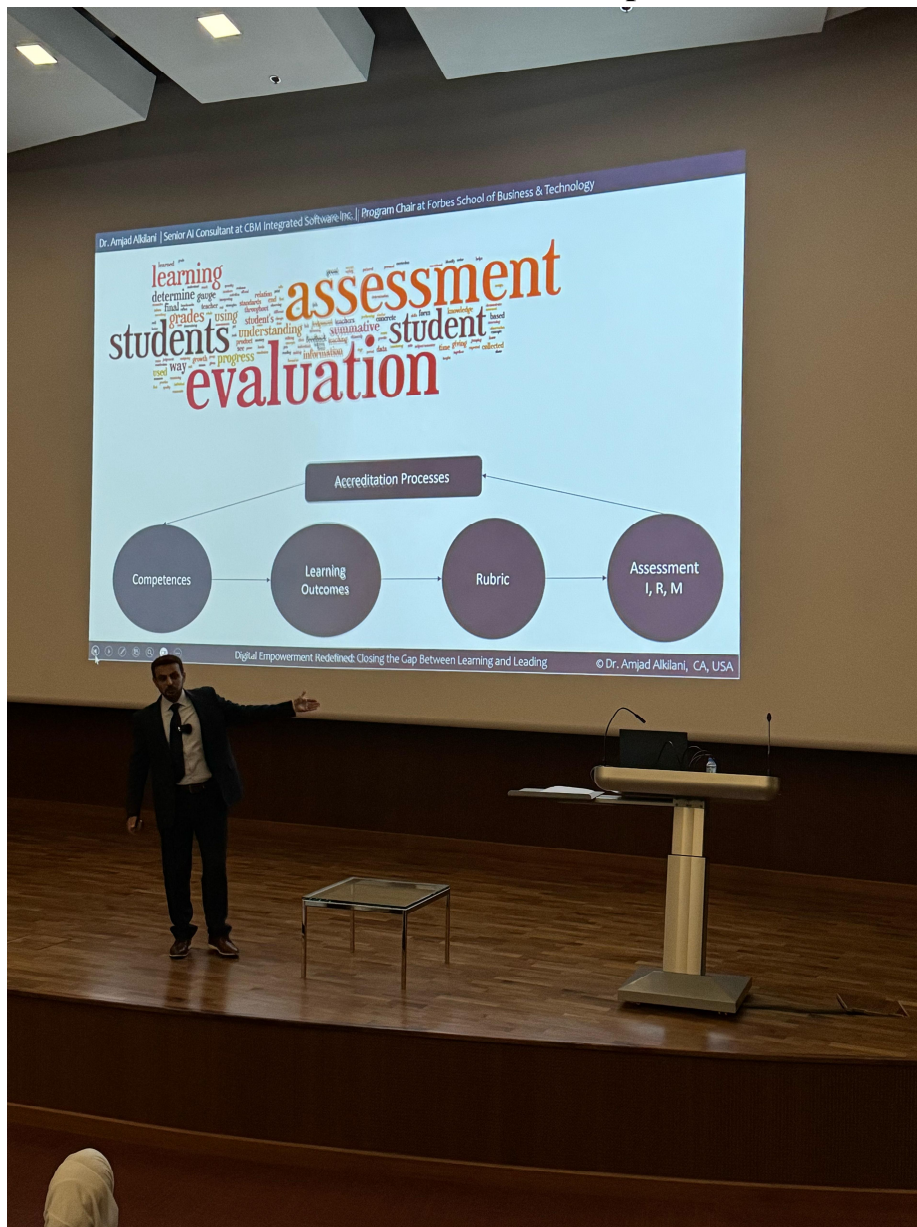
Active IEEE Society Chapters in Kuwait:

- IEEE ComSoc Kuwait Chapter (CH08797)
- IEEE Computer Society (C16/COM19/CAS04)
- IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS)

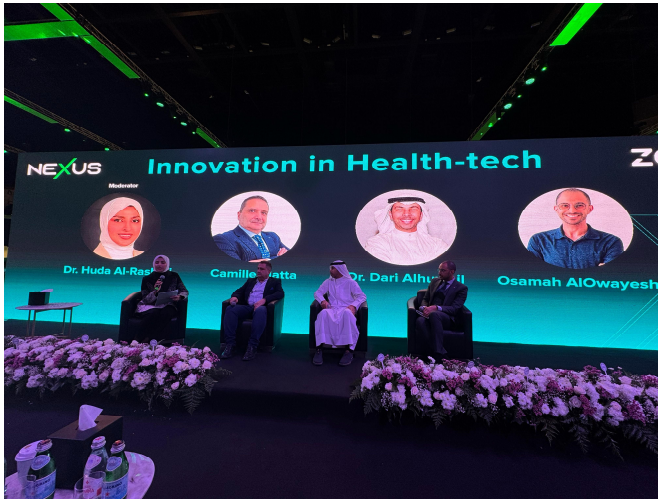
Chapter Activities Since Last Meeting:

- Distinguished Lecture by Prof. Ian Akyildiz on 6G Technologies (May 28, 2024, KCST)
- Distinguished Lecture by Prof. Sudhir Dixit on Future Networks & 6G (Nov 13, 2024)
- IEEE International Conference on Assistive Technologies for Special Needs (ATSN 2024, 9 Dec 2024)

## Kuwait Section activities in pictures







**Industry Relations**

The IEEE Kuwait Section has collaborated with:

- Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) to bridge the gap between graduates and industry.
- Public Authority for Industry (PAI) to support industrial innovation.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)**

The IEEE Kuwait Section is committed to promoting gender diversity, inclusion, and equity. We actively support the Women in Engineering (WiE) initiatives through workshops and mentorship programs.

### **Activities Since the Last Report**

#### Key Highlights:

- IEEE Kuwait Section won the IEEE Outstanding Recruitment Award for 2024.
- AI and Law Conference (Dec 2024) on legal implications of AI in Kuwait.
- IEEE UI/UX Hackathon (Dec 2024) focused on design and usability.
- National Day Celebration (Feb 2025) engaged members in cultural activities.

### **Planned Activities for 2025**

- AI Hackathon (June 2025) – National-level AI competition.
- Monthly Knowledge Café Meetings for networking.
- Expanded collaboration with KSE & PAI.

### **How IEEE Region 8 Can Support Kuwait Section**

- Encouraging best practice sharing between Sections.
- Simplifying IEEE Awards nominations process.
- Enhancing IEEE R8 Meetings by including more collaborations.

### **Any Other Issues of Interest**

Continued engagement with academia and industry for collaborative projects, with a focus on cybersecurity and AI education in Kuwait