



Saudi Arabia Chapter Activities

2017 Activities and Events Plans

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History

- One ComSoc chapter spans across 2 IEEE sections (Saudi East IEEE section and Saudi IEEE Section)
- Last year members: 92
- Current members: 59
 - 2 life members
 - 5 senior members
 - 49 normal members
 - 3 students members (low, working to increase this)
- Idle chapter since 2011

Organized Activities

- Took after the chapter on January 2017
- Met with IEEE Saudi section to discuss collaboration and activities organization, on Bahrain, February. (Needs ComSoc coordination)
- Started forming the ComSoc steering committee on March
- Workshop on Internet of Things on 15/5/2017:
 - ✓ Attended audience is 78 professionals/startups
 - ✓ Half day event, 4 hours
 - ✓ Title "Internet of Things: Definition and Opportunities"
 - ✓ Free registration in collaboration with Riyadh Chamber of Commerce
- IoT, Cloud and Big Data Whatsapp group.

Organized Activities



Planned Activities and Events

- Three Distinguished lectures, “When Smart Things Operate at the Cloud Edge: Potentials, Challenges, and Solutions”, by Bechir Hamdaoui, in three different places:
 1. At Effat University, Jeddah, Wednesday 4/10/2017
 2. At KAUST University, Thuwwal, Thursday 5/10/2017
 3. At UQU University, Makkah, Sunday 8/10/2017
- Conference on the IoT, Cloud Computing, Big Data and IoE is being planned in collaboration with Ministry of Commerce and STC
- Show ground collocated with this conference for startups and entrepreneurs in technology is also being planned with this conference. Sometime around November and December 2017
- Planning three workshops at universities, still under discussion
- Other initiatives under discussion with steering committee

Problems and Feedbacks

- **What do you want to see in the chapter?**
- “I am a member who pays annually, what do I get?”
- “All courses I receive by email are instead of giving it to members for free, it is rather too expensive”, i.e. WCET, LTE, 5G courses and certifications... etc
- “I receive dozens of emails about WCET, courses and workshops, at first my thoughts goes to like “this is free course as being member” but I discover later it is rather very expensive, am I paying fees to receiving advertisements!”
- **Previous Chapter Chair: time dedication should be recognized**
- Section coordination and financial support



Thank You

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