

Lebanon Section Imad Elhajj

## **Getting Closer to Industry**

We work on collaborative events between the section/chapters and industry. Currently we are preparing MoUs with several local companies and the Order of Engineers and Architects. These MoUs will be signed in September. This will allow us to have a sustainable relationship with the industry. The primary changes from IEEE is to make itself more relevant to small/medium size companies, possibly through providing heavy discounts on publications.

## **Students and Young Professionals**

We have been very successful at initiating several new student branches and student society chapter branches. This has allowed our constituents to be more involved in the direction and activities of IEEE in Lebanon. YP has been key in providing the link among student branches and with the section through joint events and initiatives. Region must foster/encourage more joint events among student chapters and YPs from different countries.

## **Section Vitality**

Our recruitment efforts have been successful and our numbers are at growth. Newly established IEEE entities such as new joint society chapters is key for our members involvement in the leadership of IEEE in Lebanon and their involvement at the national level. One key aspect that IEEE and Region 8 must address is the retention of members post graduation. There must be an incentive system for members to remain engaged.