



# **Biannual Report SUTA Board of Directors**

**Ottawa, July 2012**

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## Sharif University of Technology Association (SUTA)

- Global, Non-profit organization
- Formed in 2000 to facilitate communication and collaboration among the graduates, faculty and staff of the Sharif University.
- Registered in the state of California, USA and has many chapters and affiliates around the world.
- If you have studied, taught or worked at the Sharif University of Technology since its formation in 1965, you belong here.

## SUTA Mission

- Enhance professional, academic, and social contacts among its membership
- Strengthen the ties between the association members and Sharif University of Technology with the goal of contributing to the advancement of the academic programs at the University
- Having a measurable impact on the technological advancement of Iran

*SUTA's Culture is about connecting people and giving back to the community of Sharif University*

# Members

Alumni, Faculty, Students  
Ideas, Time, Resources



## SUTA BoD

Network,  
Communities, Means  
of engagement

## Sharif University

Faculty, Students, Staff  
Educational and Research  
Programs & Facilities

# **SUTA Board of Directors**

## **2011- 2012**

Farrokh Malihi, President

Ramin Behzadi, Vice President

Negin Sadr, Treasurer

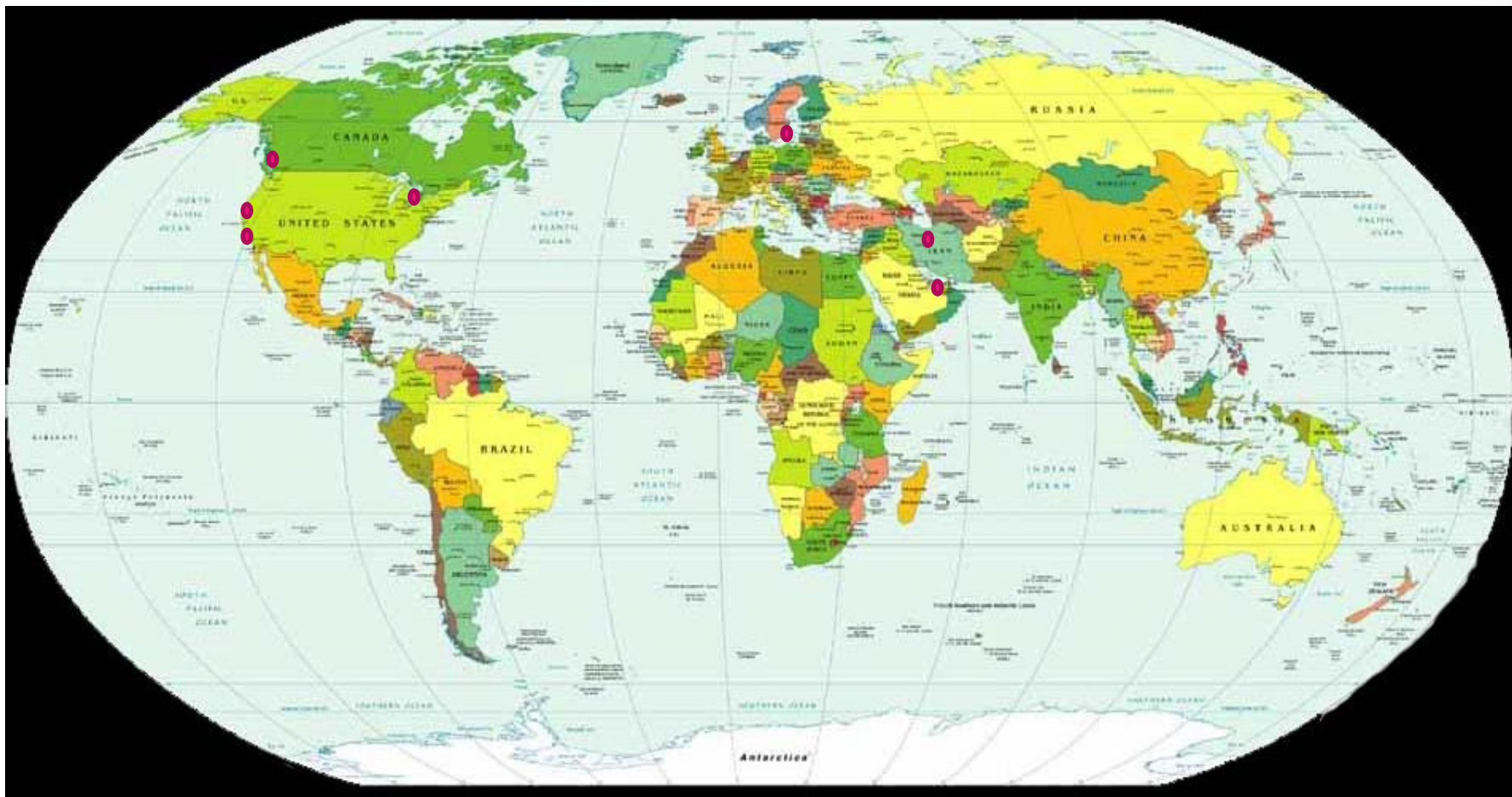
Bahram Zahir, Secretary

Jalil Kamali

Behnam Kamrani

Nastaran Zamani

# Active SUTA Local Chapters



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South California, Elham Moore, Soheila Kamal, Kambiz Mirmohseni

North California, Mohamad Hekmat, Foad Dabiri, Ramin Miri, Sina Hooshdar

Vancouver, Ramin Behzadi, Sepideh Ashtari, Morteza Toluei, Negar Rajabi

Toronto, Mahshid Agir, Negin Sadr, Davood Khodabandeh, Bahram Zahir

Sweden, Maryam Riazi, Majid Zolfaghari, Shiva Farahmand, Ali Gharebaghi

UAE, Faranak Ghahremonpour, Nader Ghadessi, Babak Azimi, Arash Zolghadri

Tehran, Farrokh Malihi, Nastaran Zmani

## SUTA Organization & Committees

Membership Committee (*Behzadi, Kamrani, Sadr*)

Chapters Committee (*Behzadi, Kamali, Zamani*)

Communications Committee (*Kamrani, Zahir, Malihi*)

Reunions/Events Committee (*Zahir, Sadr, Behzadi, Kamrani*)

Education Committee (*Malihi, Zahir, Kamali*)

Financial Committee (*Sadr, Malihi*)

Awards Committee (*Kamali, Zahir, Malihi, Zamani*)



# SUTA Goals & Strategies

Goal 1. Connect worldwide communities of Sharif University alumni, faculty, students

Strategy 1. Develop programs and resources to support the growth of a spectrum of communities and groups: Regional Chapters, Professional Groups, Academic Majors, Class-Year, Sports, Art

Strategy 2. Develop & sustain events that serve to link alumni communities with their members

Strategy 3. Use of technology to enhance social & professional networking among members. Develop ways to help groups interact based on social media

# SUTA Goals & Strategies

## Goal 2. Help Educational and Research Programs at Sharif University (SUT)

Strategy 1. Develop a global database of SUT alumni with information on: Education, Area of Expertise, Knowledge/Skills, and Technical contributions

Strategy 2. Form professional committees based on the above database

Strategy 3. Develop a list of SUT educational and research programs and needs

Strategy 4. Develop means to engage professional committees with SUT, and among themselves, with an objective of knowledge exchange to help improve SUT educational and research programs and facilities

Strategy 5. Organize programs to invite SUT alumni (scholars) with experience in education and research in international universities and R&D departments to conduct workshops and courses at Sharif University, or to serve as adjunct professor at SUT for a specific period.

# SUTA Goals & Strategies

## Goal 3. Help Economic & Industrial Development in Iran

Strategy 1. Develop and implement educational and training programs to provide skill sets for local entrepreneurs

Strategy 2. Developing a list of technological needs of industries in Iran.

Strategy 3. Help establish a link between SUTA, Sharif University, Sharif U. alumni, and local industries in order to identify projects to solve industrial problems

# SUTA Goals & Strategies

## Goal 4. Cultivate a Culture of Volunteerism

Strategy 1. Develop training tools that make volunteers more effective

Strategy 2. Promote the spirit of volunteerism during students' early days on campus

Strategy 3. Encourage exchange of good ideas among Group Leaders

Strategy 4. Recognition of volunteers

# SUTA Goals & Strategies

Goal 5. Create Lasting Pride of Sharif University for alumni throughout their lives

Strategy 1. Invite alumni to campus events (freshmen orientation, graduation ceremonies, seminars, etc.)

Strategy 2. Communication & Networking via Chapters and Groups

Strategy 3. Provide peer recognition for outstanding alumni and their accomplishments

## **Report- Membership Committee**

(Behzadi, Kamrani, Sadr)

Periodic communications with membership on SUTA activities and events

Organize local office to support membership in Tehran (membership and reunion registration)

Register new members, and membership renewal

Conduct surveys to receive feedback from membership on SUTA programs and activities

## **Report- Chapters Committee**

(Behzadi, Kamali, Zamani)

Chapter Elections in Vancouver, Nov. 2011 (Ramin Behzadi)

Chapter Elections in South California, Sept. 2011 (Elham Moore)

Chapter Elections in North California, Feb. 2012 (Jalil Kamali)

Monthly chapter events in Toronto (Mahshid Agir)

Chapter events in UAE (Faranak Ghahremonpour)

# Nourooz Celebration, Tehran

March 2011





# SUTA Gathering in Southern California 2011



# SUTA Gathering in Toronto 2011



# SUTA Gathering in Dubai 2011



# SUTA Elections in Vancouver 2011



# Report- Communications Committee

(Kamrani, Zahir, Malihi)

SUTA Newsletters: March 2011, Aug. 2011, April 2012

Website News Updates on SUTA, and Sharif Univ. events and activities

Upgrade SUTA Website

Organize SUTA Group on Facebook

Organize SUTA Group on LinkedIn

## Report- Reunion/ Events Committee

(Zahir, Sadr, Behzadi, Malihi, Kamrani)

Nourooz Celebrations in Tehran, Toronto, South California  
(March 2011, March 2012)

Monthly Dinner Gatherings, picnic, talks, Toronto

SUTA gathering at Stanford, North California (March 2012)

7<sup>th</sup> SUTA International Reunion, Ottawa (July 2012)

# Report- Education Committee

(Malihi, Zahir, Kamali)

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Workshop at Sharif University  
(Dec. 2011)

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Seminar in Dubai, UAE  
Chapter (Dec. 2011)

# SUTA Workshop on Innovation & Entrepreneurship Sharif University, Dec. 2011





# Report- Financial Committee

(Sadr, Behzadi, Malihi)

## Summary of 2011 Financials:

Ø Opening Balance: \$28,430

- Revenue: \$4,500

Membership revenue  
Donations

- Expenditure: \$10,078

Website:

Accountant – Tax Filing, Lawyer – Background Check  
Post Box Rental  
Reunion (Pre 2012 expenses)

Ø Closing Balance: \$22,952

## **Report- Awards Committee** ( Zahir, Kamali, Malihi, Zamani)

Student Project Awards EE Dept. (June 2011, July 2012)

Dr. Amin Faculty Award (July 2012)

Alumni Achievement Award (July 2012)

Alumni Service Award (July 2012)

# Student Project Awards - 2012



## Group Discussions (Moderator)

1. Identify SUTA Chapter nominations for next BoD elections
2. Conduct onsite survey to probe membership feedback on SUTA programs & activities
3. Identify volunteers interested to help with SUTA Committees (Time, Ideas, Resources)
4. Identify volunteers to help organize/manage Chapters in North America, Europe, Asia/Australia
5. Identify members interested in providing financial support to SUTA activities (Reunion & other events, awards programs, education & training programs)

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1. Identify volunteers interested to help SUTA educational programs
2. Identify volunteers interested to help with SUTA Newsletter
3. Identify volunteers interested to help organize local events
4. Identify volunteers to help manage social- professional media to connect Sharif U. alumni worldwide
5. Identify volunteers to help form professional/expert groups to help educational & research programs at Sharif U.

**Thank You**

