

## R8 History Coordination

### Activities after the Warsaw “un-meeting” of March 2020

Since I am ‘self-isolated’ with my wife and son in our house in Potters Bar (just north of London), there is little ‘normal’ activity possible for HISTORY COORDINATION, and that may continue for the rest of 2020



From those who did respond to my photo and some subsequent ideas, one might conclude that the Egyptian Obelisk with hieroglyphics (made recently in China from plastic) represents information about past **TIME** (3000 years ago) and the big Russian-made ГY-50 thermionic transmitter valve represents information about past **SPACE** (radio communications can send images back from the edge of the Solar System in ~12 hours )  
Two orthogonal dimensions?

Recently I sent the photo of myself (above) to some R8 Committee people and others – in my mind was that lacking ‘normal activities’ it might be interesting and may also demonstrate some ‘progress’ in technology.

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**HISTELCON2019** finances still not closed but hope may be soon. Might be a small surplus but not yet known because Strathclyde University data not available.

Presented papers and other material at last in IEEE Xplore - from 2020 March 19<sup>h</sup>

To access it use the phrase:

2019 6th IEEE History of Electrotechnology Conference (HISTELCON)

**May now accept HISTELCON2019 and HISTELCON 2019 as valid search terms (e.g. with or without the space before the year)**

**History Milestones:** several unveiling ceremonies were planned for 2020 in various places and are now all cancelled or postponed. The plaques have a month and year on them which should correspond to the unveiling data, but hardly anyone knows that, so it can be interpreted as the approval date or bronze foundry casting date and no one will care.

**History Milestone Future:** no reason not to continue to prepare proposals for FUTURE milestones; plenty of possibilities around R8 – and much can be done without travel. UK&I LMAG continues with that but of course committee can no longer meet or travel

Request to hold **HISTELCON2021** in St.Petersburg/Moscow (jointly) and **HISTELCON2023** in Florence, Italy have been submitted to R8 Conference Committee: seems likely that COVID-19 effects could make that not feasible and result in one or two years delay to the implementation.

See also

[www.histelcon2019.org](http://www.histelcon2019.org) for more information.

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I give invited talks on **History of Technology** topics from time to time: obviously that will no longer be possible in the present situation: the last talk I gave was to the Retired Fellows Society of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, an excellent audience of over 100 people. This was a talk about the technology (guidance etc) of the WW2 V1 Flying Bomb. My Powerpoint material and a written report are available from me.

**If anyone is interested, I could perhaps provide such talks as Webinars**

The **Computer Construction Society (CCS)** – a part of British Computer Society – has shut down operations but their talks are available on line. As an example, the last one which I attended may be of interest:

<https://youtu.be/wbFGOeXGIkw>

Archives section of IET is now closed. The IET, BCS, Royal Society and Royal Institution of Great Britain have all closed their buildings for an indefinite time, but are aiming to keep on-line lectures, etc. available to watch.

**Now available for purchase** : IEEE Glasgow tartan on-line shop is now live via this link:

<https://www.inglesbuchan.com/product-category/ieee/>

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*2020 March 20<sup>th</sup> – minor additions April 14<sup>th</sup>*

## History Coordination Activities

The Glasgow Convention Bureau arranged the design of a Scottish Tartan for IEEE use.

A neck-tie for men and a scarf for women may be available for purchase from IEEE in due course.

I have NOT yet seen any progress towards making this an IEEE Member Benefit with some means of purchasing by Members. – but direct purchase at a favourable prices is now possible.



## IEEE GLASGOW TARTAN

The IEEE Glasgow tartan was created in 2019 to celebrate 30 years of IEEE conferences in Glasgow and celebrates the 'clan' that is IEEE.

The fabric was created using traditional methods, woven in Scotland.

The design incorporates IEEE colours and represents the values of the IEEE brand; blue represents knowledge, integrity, expertise and stability, while white represents light, safety and purity.

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