

Activity & Progress Reporting
Section Meeting 24th April 2020

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| 1. <i>Chapter/Affinity Group:</i> | Young Professionals |
| 2. <i>Committee Members</i> | Noel Gomes (Chair) Dr Thaddeus Eze (Vice Chair) Nazila Fough (Secretary) |
| 3. <i>Reporting Officer:</i> | Noel Gomes |
| 4. <i>Overview of current plan and activities:</i> | <p>i. Build on current success and volunteer base from existing events to further reach out to members across the section with the following high-level plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● YP successfully co-hosted the ‘West European Student and Young Professional Congress 2019 (WESYP) in Glasgow from 19-21st Sept at Glasgow Caledonian University (in collaboration with the GCU SB). The event was attended by 74 participants from across the UK and West European Sections and comprised of an action-packed program of keynotes, IEEE streams, panel discussions, competitions, networking opportunities etc including a joint reception with HISTELCON. ● UK and Ireland Section financially supported the event along with sponsorships secured from the host university GCU, SICSA, SAC and a number of IEEE societies namely Photonics, ComSoc, PES, IAS, Signal Processing, Region 8 Professional and Education Activities Subcommittee and Antennas and Propagation society. ● The YP committee is proud to report that the event was a huge financial success given the late planning and with the sponsorship secured from industry and along with other partners, the £2500 committed by the UK & Ireland Section has not been utilised. We would like to thank the Section for this opportunity to showcase a top quality regional event and also make it sustainable. <p>Event Report and links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Event Write-up: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_y7knTlaA04SHD9rwXQzo7YqAXBKsD/view?usp=sharing ▪ Event photos: https://www.facebook.com/wesyppcongress/posts/2579693128929080 ▪ Post Event video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17BWEBlxBYwXYvmg6-2aQ2tWvKzkaV4RW/view?usp=sharing |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The 2nd YP Postgrad STEM Symposium was successfully organised in Leeds on 23rd October 2019 following success of Chester event the previous year.● The event attended by 65 participants was jointly organised with the University of Leeds IEEE SB and received 39 abstract submission. The UK and Ireland Section financially supported the event along with sponsorships secured from the host university, IEEE Aerospace and System Society (AESS), Student Professional Awareness Activities and ComSoc UK and Ireland Chapter sponsoring the prizes (£300) for best oral and poster presentations. <p>Event Report and links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Full event report: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Uw5h7SmmzLfOPgrB2VQK4pRNw2Mw0g-5/view?usp=sharing▪ Event photos: Leeds PG STEM Symposium Photos▪ Post Event Promo video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpRnFgFOR8w&feature=youtu.be <p>ii. Due to the current government lockdown across the section and its impact on the everyday life our members, volunteers, we have had to make adjustments to our calendar of scheduled events and plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● YP has been closely working with ComSoc to host YP sessions at its flagship upcoming event – International Conference on Communications (ICC) this June in Dublin. The current program has a technical, non-technical and a social allocated to YP across the conference week. With the current lockdown extended in most countries, the conference is now scheduled to be held virtually and program is being revised.● The Arduino workshop planned for Dublin in (July/Aug) will now be held online● The Digital Health Conference is also moved to later in the year (October), so that a face to face event can be held if possible.● 3rd PG STEM Symposium planned for November (possibly in Glasgow) with the intention to collaborate with IEEE International Conference on Electronic Circuit and Systems (ICECS) in Glasgow – November 2020.● Other previously planned events have been moved to the following year. <p>iii. Improve digital/social media presence and communication with members through re-vamped website, Facebook and twitter page.</p> <p>iv. Continue to collaborate with industry, chapters and other similar organizations with shared interests</p> <p>v. Discussion initiated with the IET YP Chair to collaborate</p> |
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| | on events next year – more details to follow. |
| 5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Team has 15 volunteers with representation in all major cities across UK & Ireland. However, our committee is in a state of transition with volunteers moving around for new jobs/commitments. A new recruitment drive has been initiated to take on more volunteers and support our activities across the section. We are still looking for volunteers in the South east of the country. ● YP website https://ieeuikiyp.org/ is now enhanced with new webmaster. ● Increased participating in collaborative Chapter /similar group events across the across the country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ IEEE Cyber Science 2019 Conference, Oxford – June 2019 ➢ YP successfully co-hosted the ‘West European Student and Young Professional Congress 2019 (WESYP) in Glasgow from 19-21st Sept at (in collaboration with Glasgow Caledonian University SB) |
| 6. Key Challenges: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The duration of the current lockdown situation poses a risk to plan and host events for the rest of the year. We continue to monitor the situation and follow the government advice collectively as a group with changes to our plans where possible by hosting the event online or delaying to later in the year when it is safe to resume. ● Event costs are generally quite high due to room/hire facilities fees. However there are potential ways of saving of costs by hosting events at universities. ● Member turnout- at events varies depending on topic/day of week/entry fee, weather etc. ● A lot of effort is required by volunteers to host medium scale events. This varies across the section as volunteer commitment is dependent on their research workload and availability. Seems to be an ongoing challenge that we are trying to managed best. |
| 7. Deficits/Required Resources: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incorporating up new goals from last year’s YP AGM, ● Review of current structure and division of workload in the AG as we look to further expand roll out of quality events. ● Building on existing success for advance planning, co-ordination, accountability and timely communication of allocated tasks between volunteers |
| 8. Actions/Support requested from the Section: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial support to host events ● Volunteer development and attendance at Regional/national events |
| 9. Action Plan: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review events planned for the year in view of current lockdown situation and make adjustments as required to delay the event or host it virtually. ● Increase communication and planning via regular committee |



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| | <p>meetings to review progress and performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure volunteer workload is reviewed on regular basis to avoid burn-out. Recruit additional volunteers, leverage and collaborate where possible.• Reconfirm volunteer commitment at start of every year |
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