

Activity & Progress Reporting

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4. <i>Overview of current plan and activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A budget request covering some aspects of costs for 2020 activities was submitted. ii. A number of Special Interest Groups (SIG) are already formed to focus on transdisciplinary areas of relevance to systems that fall within the scope of the Council. iii. The Systematic Innovation SIG planned their third event in the Midlands during 09th April titled Systematic Approaches in Teaching Innovation. The event was deferred due to the COVID restrictions. iv. The Environmental Technology SIG has planned an online lecture on 29th April v. The TechEthics (TESIG) is exploring the collaboration with RAE and a second public session in 2020. vi. The Data Analytics & I4SIGs are planning launch later in 2020. vii. Forthcoming meetings for Data Analytics (DASIG), Environmental Technology (ETSIG), Technology Ethics (TESIG), Industry 4 (I4SIG) and Systematic Innovation (SISIG) are in progress expecting at 1-2 lectures per year.
5. <i>Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chapter was formed in 2017 as a focal point for multi-disciplinary activities with a systems' focus and organised a public lecture as its launch event took place on 20th June 2017 • For the rest of 2020, a few SIGs are planning online meetings.
6. <i>Key Challenges:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to pursue industry collaboration and sponsorship for the forthcoming SIG events since the requested budget won't suffice for many meetings and events being planned • Venue is always a big challenge including the cost implications
7. <i>Deficits/Required Resources:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be good to seek some funding or resource support from the Systems Council
8. <i>Actions/Support requested from the Section:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity for the SIG events and announcements via Section website • Possibility of extra funds should all SIG activities exceed our existing requested budgets should all these proceed.
9. <i>Action Plan:</i>	The new SIGs being formed are; DASIG, RTSIG, I4SIG. These are expected to come up with events and a draft plan for 2020.



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