

## **UK & Ireland Section Life Member Affinity Group**

### **Report to the Section EXCOM Meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The LMAG Committee has held one virtual meeting since the May EXCOM meeting. The Covid crisis has curtailed much of the normal LMAG activity. In particular, the planned unveiling of the latest IEEE Milestone plaque at the Siemens factory at Eynsham, Oxford, has been re-scheduled for mid-2021, on the assumption that the pandemic will have dissipated by then.

The Committee has continued to work on the Milestone proposals in its pipeline. The EMI CT X-ray Scanner proposal has been approved by the IEEE History Committee, subject to agreement on the wording of the citation. A proposal from the Manchester Computer Science community commemorating the Atlas computer and the Invention of Virtual Memory is being submitted shortly. Other possible candidates for Milestones are under review and will continue to be worked on by the LMAG Committee.

The enforced use of Zoom and other platforms for virtual meetings makes possible some new developments that might enable wider participation of Life members in the Committee's work. Interested LMs might be invited to contribute to discussions about enhancing their membership experience, and to express their preferences for the types of activity that the LMAG Committee could organise. At the least it could be used as a new reporting vehicle to keep members informed about current developments within IEEE.

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