

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting - 13th November 2020

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	UK and Ireland SSIT Chapter
2. Committee Members	<p>Prof. Paul M Cunningham (Chair)</p> <p>Miriam Cunningham</p> <p><i>It is with great sadness that I must report the untimely death of Prof. Peter Excel on 13 August, a year short of his Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Peter was a friend and committed committee member who helped co-organise IEEE ISTAS 2015 (SSIT flagship conference), attended by the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins. Condolences to his wife Dianne and son Matthew.</i></p> <p>A Call for new Committee Members (with geographic, gender and thematic representation) is being published during November.</p>
3. Reporting Officer:	Prof. Paul M Cunningham
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rebuild SSIT Chapter Committee for 2021 ii. Reinvigorate frequency of Chapter Activities in Ireland & UK iii. Schedule Online and from Q3 2021 Face to Face Meetings iv. Schedule Online and from Q3 2021 Face to Face DLs v. Organise Joint European SSIT Chapter Meetings Online vi. Organise UK & Ireland multi-society Chapter Meetings
5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised Joint Online Chapter Meetings with SSIT Santa Clara Valley in September (R6 Presenter) & October (R8 presenter) as proof of concept for ongoing planned series of Joint Webinars with other SSIT Chapters and other Societies
6. Key Challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalise Chapter Committee and Chapter Activities • Strengthen cooperation within UK and Ireland Section
7. Deficits/Required Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request active support from Section Leadership to achieve our goals in a mutually beneficial and impactful way • Request offers of host organisations for physical events (Q3)
8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose co-organising complementary Joint Webinars – Request Engagement by other interested Society Chapters
9. Action Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Establish new Chapter Committee from Ireland and UK (2) Co-design and Schedule 6 Chapter Events in 2021 (3) Facilitate cross-society activities within Ireland and UK (4) Leverage my relationships with Division VI Societies as 2021 – 2022 Director, IEEE Division to support even greater multi-society cooperation within our Section