

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Meeting 13th November 2020

1. <i>Chapter/Affinity Group:</i>	Student Activities
2. <i>Committee Members</i>	Chair: Lee Crudgington (l.j.c@ieee.org) Vice Chair: Veronika Nesheva (veronika.nesheva@gmail.com)
3. <i>Reporting Officer:</i>	Lee Crudgington
4. <i>Overview of current plan and activities:</i>	<p>Reporting and activity promotion: Creating a good relationship with every active student branch in UK & Ireland, ensuring that reporting is completed, and chairperson is active in each successive academic year.</p> <p>vTools Records: Ensuring that all student branches have an active chairperson and counsellor listed, and vacant positions are filled.</p> <p>Event Promotion: Provide advice and guidance for new branches or committees to host their events, advertise events broadly to all student branches in UK & Ireland and Region 8.</p> <p>Encouragement of regional events: Collaboration between local student branches is encouraged, resulting in shared activities and pooling of resources, leading to greater attendance.</p> <p>Participation in Regional and Global awards: Guidance to branches on how to meet criteria for awards and assist applications</p> <p>Promotion of large, conference -style events: Increase the UK&I-wide advertising of large-scale events throughout the section, such as the recent Region 8 vSYP.</p> <p>Renewed discussion of membership development strategies and guidelines to branches, to cultivate increased student membership in the coming academic year - For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing links to the IEEE benefits literature • Provision of posters and leaflets for use at welcome events, careers fairs and faculty occasions. • Pre-authoring e-mail templates for branch chairs to distribute to their department and student lists.

<p>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in branch reports from 8 in 2019 to 30 in 2020, with a further 5 branches revived in time for the 2021 deadline • Significant additional revenue (£2919.04) brought in for the student activities programme due to reporting increase. • Appointment of new chairpersons and counsellors to several student branches, including a number which have been dormant for many years. • Successful hosting of several webinar and online events in response to the covid-19 restrictions.
<p>6. Key Challenges:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current situation with COVID-19 has cancelled most student events for 2020
<p>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>9. Action Plan:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to engage regularly with current student branch chairs. • Attempt to recruit branch counsellors and/or faculty IEEE members at host universities where no response is recorded. • Maintain up-to-date contact lists for SBs and Chairs. • Continue the promotion of student branch formation. • Promote further engagement in UK&I-wide events across all chapters.



In the area of student activities, the IEEE UK and Ireland section has seen rapid growth of enthusiastic student branches across over 30 universities, holding high quality and diverse events such as the Manchester Energy and Electrical Power System Symposium, Dublin City University Expert Talks, Scotland Renewable Energies Webinar and many more. Our successful revitalisation programme saw an increase of student branch reports from 8 in 2019 to 30 in 2020, with a further five appointments made to previously dormant branches throughout 2020. This resulted in a student branch rebate of £2919 being received to be invested in further student activities in 2021.

The UK and Ireland Section has seen a number of student branches participating in the IEEE Student Awards, including the Larry K. Wilson Award, Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award, Darrel Chong Student Activity Award and the Global IEEE Student Branch Website Contest. Many branches plan to participate virtually in the upcoming IEEEExtreme 24-hour programming competition, the IEEEmadC mobile application development contest and the IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest. In addition, the UK and Ireland Section student branches participated in the IEEE Day Virtual Celebrations.

The plan for 2021 is to further increase the appointment of enthusiastic officers to the remaining dormant student branches, with the objective to achieve a 100% reporting rate. Support will be provided to student branches to hold a diverse and interesting range of virtual events, and collaboration between student branches will be encouraged. Finally, a focus on developing student chapters within the section, with the aim of supporting high-quality technical events and webinars from distinguished lecturers will be undertaken, with funding made available to support this initiative.