

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting - 26th October 2021

<p>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</p>	<p>Student Activities</p>
<p>2. Committee Members</p>	<p>Chair: Lee Crudgington (l.j.c@ieee.org) Vice Chair: Veronika Nesheva (veronika.nesheva@gmail.com)</p>
<p>3. Reporting Officer:</p>	<p>Lee Crudgington</p>
<p>4. Overview of current plan and activities:</p>	<p>Student Branch Engagement Programme: Continue to build relationships with the network of student branches in the UK and Ireland Section, ensuring that chairpersons are active, aware of their obligations and supported in hosting events and activities. Ensuring that annual reporting is completed by the posted deadline, and handover to new branch leaders is handled smoothly.</p> <p>Activity Promotion: Provide advice and guidance for new branches or committees to host their events (virtually or in-person), advertise events broadly to all student branches in UK & Ireland and Region 8.</p> <p>Participation in Regional and Global awards: Guidance to branches on how to meet criteria for awards and assist applications.</p> <p>Return to in-person events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support student branches and new student leaders to develop knowledge of procedures in hosting in-person events and activities at their universities • Encourage collaboration between local student branches, resulting in shared activities and pooling of resources. • Planning of section-wide IEEE student branch congresses for networking, sharing of ideas and providing essential information and demonstrations to new branch leaders.
<p>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Branch Engagement Programme: 34 Student Branch Reports submitted in 2021: 81% • Revitalisation of student branch chapters including PES, Photonics and SMC. • Rebate of £3770 received for branch activities. • Six student branches applied for R8 ExSB Award.

<p>6. Key Challenges:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly handover of student branch committee roles. • Return to in-person events and knowledge of procedures in new student leadership groups. • Awareness of awards, branches reaching criteria.
<p>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific requirements.
<p>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student chapter support from the section chapters, in promoting chapter formation and collaboration with existing chapters • Potential nomination of chapter activities liaison in each chapter.
<p>9. Action Plan:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to appoint new student leaders to inactive student branches and chapters. • Support established student branches in hosting high-quality activities and events. • Promote the formation of new student branches and chapters. • Support applications to IEEE Awards and Contests in 2022. • Host a series of section-wide IEEE student branch congresses in 2022 where the situation allows.