

Section Autumn Meeting
26th October 2021
 13h00-16h30
Chapter Chairs (CC) Meeting
 Hybrid Event – BT Tower - London

MINUTES

No	Agenda	Actions		
	Description	No	Item	Person
	<p>Attendees in Person: Mona Ghassemian (MG), Izzet Kale (IK), Matthew Gream (MaG), Eduardo Audiche (EA), Nick Wainwright (NW), Lee Crudginton (LC), Ali Hessami (AH), Brian Harrington (BH), Rod Muttram (RM), Annabel Latham (AL), Paul Cunningham (PC), Sohaib Qamar Sheikh (SS), Jianing Li (JL), Saumya Reni (SR), Hoa Le Minh (HLM), Masood Ur Rehman (MUR)</p> <p>Attendees via Zoom: Chris Bailey (CB), Charles Turner (CT), Frank Wang (FW), Roy Edis (RE), Salma Alarefi (SA), Thomas Andritsh (TA), Tony Davies (TD), Vishal Sharma (VS), Sillas Hadjiloucas (SH), Leila Musavian (LM), Nikos Athanasopoulos (NA), Nazila Fough (NF)</p> <p>BT Host: Adrian Sharples</p> <p>Panelists: Adrian Sharples, David Law, Stephen McCann, Toktam Mahmoodi, Maziar Nekovee</p>		<p>A total of 28 participants attended the Section Autumn Meeting. 16 ExCom members in person and 12 ExCom members virtually.</p> <p>From BT Adrian Sharples was the event's host.</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Wim Melis (WM), Radhakrishna Prabhu (RP), Noel Gomez (NG), Jan Sykulski (JS), Richard Pitwon (RP), Qammer H Abbasi (QA), Symon Podilchak, Mike Hinchey (MH), Nicola Morley (NM), Marwan Al-Akaidi (MA)</p>			
	<p>The meeting commenced at 13:00 h with enough quorum to carry on the session. The agreed Agenda was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on Chapters, LF, YP, WiE, Future Networks, Cybersecurity and Blockchain (Single slide***) - Chairs (70) 2. Vice-Chair Candidates Introduction (10) 3. Any other Business (20) 4. Panel Session (60) 5. Networking and Drinks (30) 			
1	<p>Oral Reports (~5 min) on Chapters key achievements, current plans and focus areas 2021 – 2022 including goals, KPIs, challenges, and resources. All Chapter Chairs presented based on their report submissions using the one-page slide template. The one-page slide and the full reports are available in this link: https://www.ieee-ukandireland.org/section-meetings/chapter-chair-and-excom-meeting-26th-october-2021/</p>			



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2	This activity could not be completed. Only Sohaib Qamar Sheikh (SS) managed to give a 5-minute speech to the audience. To keep a fair treatment among the candidates it was agreed to advertise to the whole section a 5-minute video each to be uploaded on Section’s website. More details to be agreed.	1	IK to organise an event with the Vice-Chair Candidates	IK / EA / NW
3	AH on behalf of the Section gave MG a card signed for different ExCom members to show appreciation for the great job done during her period as a Section’s Chair. AH highlighted Mona’s leadership especially during difficult pandemic times.			
4	The Panel session was titled: “Future Directions of Communications: Vision, Standards and Requirements” organised by David Law (Distinguished Technologist at Hewlett Packard Enterprise and IEEE-Standards Association Patent Committee Chair), including Maziar Nekovee (Dean of the AI Institute and Managing Director of the 6G Lab), Adrian Sharples (Senior Wireless Research Manager at BT Laboratories) and Stephen McCann (Distinguished Engineer at Huawei). Panel moderated by Toktam Mahmoodi (Professor of communication Engineering and Director of the Centre for Telecommunications Research at King’s College London). The panel discussed the current and future direction of wired and wireless communications technologies, their supporting standardisation activities, and their requirement.			
5	For those who attended the event in person there was a networking session with drinks sponsored by BT.			

Actions arising from Autumn Meeting 16th November 2021		
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Eduardo Audiche
November 2021

