

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Spring Meeting - 29th April 2022

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	UK and Ireland SSIT Chapter
2. Committee Members	Miriam Cunningham (Chair) Paul Cunningham (Vice Chair) Recruitment of diverse committee members including Representatives from Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales has begun
3. Reporting Officer:	Miriam Cunningham
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Add new Committee Members to provide greater diversity (including representatives from Ireland, Northern Ireland (NI), Scotland, England & Wales) ii. Support virtual and (where appropriate) some physical DL Roadshows and chapter events across all parts of UK and Ireland to improve local access to events for SSIT members and prospective members as well as members of partner Society & Council Chapters iii. Add value by including international as well as Section based subject matter experts for events and ask Members to nominate topics & expert speakers
5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully responded to impact of COVID-19 by organizing range of virtual chapter events • Increased intensity of Chapter Activities to grow member engagement, and identify and support activities by SSIT volunteers • Identified experienced volunteer (current SSIT BoG Member) as new Chapter Chair from 2022 • Significant contribution to co-organising IEEE IHTC 2021, through creating the program, identifying and securing keynote speakers and editing and preparing the conference proceedings for publication in IEEE Xplore • Supported SSIT Chapters in other countries to be more active by co-locating virtual meetings • Supported opportunities for UK & Ireland members to virtually network with members in other countries

<p>6. Key Challenges:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build active and diverse committee to support SSIT members • Build active strategic partnerships with other Society Chapters across UK and Ireland for joint chapter/DL events • Increase SSIT member engagement to maintain existing members and grow membership across the Section
<p>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request support from Section to facilitate organisation of virtual/hybrid events across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales as circumstances allow
<p>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request supplementary support from Section for resources to fund face-to-face meetings across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales as local circumstances allow
<p>9. Action Plan:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate Call for Volunteers to take responsibility to engage, support and potentially local hybrid events across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales from 2022 • Request supplementary support from Section for such regionally distributed virtual/hybrid events • Schedule joint Chapter Meetings with other Societies and other SSIT Chapters (particularly in UK and Ireland as well as Region 8) • Collaborate on cross-society DL Roadshows and multi-stakeholder chapter meetings in Section on topics of common interest to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and cooperation • Support greater awareness of opportunities for Section volunteers to learn more about and contribute in the field of Digital Development (which includes ICT4D and what IEEE calls Humanitarian Technologies)