

**Activity & Progress Reporting**  
**Section Spring Meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

<b>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</b>	Blockchain Group
<b>2. Committee Members</b>	Chair: Prof Prashant Pillai Vice Chair: Dr Susan Rea Secretary: Dr Richard Barnes Business Community Lead: Pierangel Rosati Industrial Liaison Lead: Dr Husam Awadalla Cyber Security Lead: Dr Jonathan Tate Outreach Lead, Scotland: Dr Mohamed Ben Farah Outreach Lead, Ireland: Dr Avishek Nag Outreach Lead: Dr Xavier Bellekens Outreach Lead: Dr Kapal Dev Blockchain Lead: Simon Barducci
<b>3. Reporting Officer:</b>	Prashant Pillai
<b>4. Overview of current plan and activities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Change of Chair: Prashant Pillai taking over from Xavier Bellekens</li> <li>ii. Membership             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Membership has remained static at ~ 130 members</li> <li>b. Launched LinkedIn Presence – 65 members on LinkedIn</li> </ol> </li> <li>iii. Blockchain Summer School – July 2022</li> <li>iv. Workshop on Blockchain Technologies for Trustworthy Decentralised AI Ecosystems (IEEE BC4TAI) as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Blockchain, Finland, August 2022</li> <li>v. Women in Blockchain workshop – October 2022</li> <li>vi. Monthly Webinars</li> </ol>
<b>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>IEEE UK&amp;I Blockchain Group Annual Event:</b> Online 3-day series of webinars, panel discussion and keynote speakers</li> <li>● <b>LMAG Event Panel Discussion</b> (Blockchain group participation): Blockchain, Crypto Currency and DeFi – Are Cryptocurrencies Here to Stay?</li> <li>● <b>Webinars</b> (July 2021): Scaling Blockchain for Telecom Networks: An Impossible Trinity</li> <li>● <b>Webinar</b> (Sept 2021): Traceability and Business Challenges of Blockchain in the Seafood Industry</li> <li>● <b>Webinar</b> (Oct 2021): Navigating Enterprise Blockchain Solutions: From Design to Deployment</li> <li>● <b>Webinar</b> (March 2022): Blockchain Designing for the Scalable and Secure IoT</li> <li>● <b>Webinar</b> (April 2022): Transforming insurance industry using Blockchains</li> </ul>

<p><b>6. Key Challenges:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Getting speakers for the monthly webinars</li> <li>● Increasing membership which seems to be static</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We have no resources assigned to the group</li> <li>● If we could get some resources to run the summer school and the women in Blockchain workshop</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support for organising the Summer School</li> <li>● Support for organising the Women in Blockchain workshop</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Action Plan:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explore the possibility to organise a large Blockchain conference for 2023</li> <li>● Improve collaborations with other groups especially the Cyber Security Group.</li> </ul>