# Activity & Progress Reporting
## Section Spring Meeting - 29th April 2022

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<td>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</td>
<td>Blockchain Group</td>
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| 2. Committee Members | 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 |
| 3. Reporting Officer: | Prashant Pillai |
| 4. Overview of current plan and activities: | i. Change of Chair: Prashant Pillai taking over from Xavier Bellekens  
ii. Membership  
   a. Membership has remained static at ~ 130 members  
   b. Launched LinkedIn Presence – 65 members on LinkedIn  
iii. Blockchain Summer School – July 2022  
iv. Workshop on Blockchain Technologies for Trustworthy Decentralised AI Ecosystems (IEEE BC4TAI) as part of the 5th International Conference in Blockchain, Finland, August 2022  
v. Women in Blockchain workshop – October 2022  
vi. Monthly Webinars |
| 5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date: | **IEEE UK&I Blockchain Group Annual Event**: Online 3-day series of webinars, panel discussion and keynote speakers  
**LMAG Event Panel Discussion** (Blockchain group participation): Blockchain, Crypto Currency and DeFi – Are Cryptocurrencies Here to Stay?  
**Webinars** (July 2021): Scaling Blockchain for Telecom Networks: An Impossible Trinity  
**Webinar** (Sept 2021): Traceability and Business Challenges of Blockchain in the Seafood Industry  
**Webinar** (Oct 2021): Navigating Enterprise Blockchain Solutions: From Design to Deployment  
**Webinar** (March 2022): Blockchain Designing for the Scalable and Secure IoT  
**Webinar** (April 2022): Transforming insurance industry using Blockchains |
6. **Key Challenges:**
- Getting speakers for the monthly webinars
- Increasing membership which seems to be static

7. **Deficits/Required Resources:**
- We have no resources assigned to the group
- If we could get some resources to run the summer school and the women in Blockchain workshop

8. **Actions/Support requested from the Section:**
- Support for organising the Summer School
- Support for organising the Women in Blockchain workshop

9. **Action Plan:**
- Explore the possibility to organise a large Blockchain conference for 2023
- Improve collaborations with other groups especially the Cyber Security Group.