

## Activity & Progress Reporting

### SIGHT Group – UK & Ireland Section 2022 Report

<b>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</b>	Special Interest Group in Humanitarian Technologies – SIGHT
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<b>3. Reporting Officer:</b>	Prof Ali Hessami, Chair
<b>4. Overview of plan and activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A budget request covering some aspects of costs for IHTC2021 was submitted and approved at £2000. The conference had a surplus of \$3100 that will be shared between R7, R8 &amp; R9. UK &amp; Ireland is seeking a fairer split of 60% allocated to R8. We have suggested 30-30 split between R8 and UK &amp; Ireland SIGHT to be spent on our humanitarian initiatives</li> <li>ii. New focus on what technological innovations can do for the plight of refugees and displaced people</li> </ul>
<b>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion and reporting of a proposal on “Inclusive multi-sensor platform for autistic kids that encourage social interaction”. This project was administered by Eduardo and completed in July 2021 and reported to IEEE SIGHT</li> <li>• Successful planning and organisation of IHTC2021 humanitarian conference during 2-4 December 2021 as an online event</li> </ul>
<b>6. Key Challenges:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to pursue industry collaboration and sponsorship for the forthcoming events since the requested budget won’t suffice for the realisation of ideas</li> <li>• Refocusing of the IEEE funds on Covid related initiatives have frustrated some of our humanitarian proposals</li> </ul>
<b>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking some funding or resource support from the HuAC and IEEE SIGHT for a couple of new proposals in 2022</li> </ul>
<b>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of some section funds for humanitarian initiatives in the section should proposals made for funding not achieve IEEE SIGHT support.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Action Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two outstanding proposals that need revisiting and launching in 2022</li> <li>• Providing support to Canadian section on organising and running IHTC2022.</li> <li>• The Ukrainian crisis has promoted the group to rethink application of technology for relief to the displaced and refugees. Two meeting have been planned to explore options and come up with a proposal</li> </ul>

