

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting - 27th October 2022

<p>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</p>	<p>UK and Ireland SSIT Chapter</p>
<p>2. Committee Members</p>	<p>Miriam Cunningham (Chair) Paul Cunningham (Vice Chair) Recruitment of additional committee members ongoing</p>
<p>3. Reporting Officer:</p>	<p>Miriam Cunningham</p>
<p>4. Overview of current plan and activities:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide Support for Local and International Conferences ii. Support Planning for IEEE ISTAS 2023 to take place in Swansea iii. Add value by including international as well as Section based subject matter experts for events and ask Members to nominate topics & expert speakers
<p>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised conference proceedings for IEEE IHTC 2021, submitted to IEEE Xplore for publication (January 2022) • Supported organisation of 3 conferences as Technical Co-sponsor – IEEE ProComm 2022 (Limerick), IST-Africa 2022 (Virtual), IEEE Humanitarian Activities Conference (Tunis) • Organising number of virtual chapter meetings as part of SSIT's 50th Anniversary Celebrations • 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 • Request travel support from Section to facilitate participation in IEEE ISTAS 2023 in Swansea
<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"> • 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) • Request supplementary support from Section for such regionally distributed virtual/hybrid events • Identify Volunteers to take responsibility to engage, support and organise local hybrid events on an iterative basis across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales to complement virtual chapter meetings