

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting - 27th October 2022

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	Young Professionals
2. Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nazila Fough (Chair and Scotland Representative) • Farid Mouawad (Vice Chair and England Representative) • Rajitha De Silva (Secretary and England Representative) • Koushik Kumar Nundy (Treasurer and Ireland Representative) • Daniel Martin (Ireland Representative) • Peyman Heydarian (England Representative) • Opeyemi Ajibola (England Representative) • Othman Younos (England Representative) • Fengzhou Wang (Scotland Representative) • Noel Gomes (Past Chair) • Thaddeus Eze (Past vice chair)
3. Reporting Officer:	Nazila Fough
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	<p>We went through a change in the leadership of the YP AG due to personal circumstance and new commitments. We have had to make adjustments to our calendar of scheduled events and plans.</p> <p>i. Build on current success and volunteer base from existing events to further reach out to members across the section with the following high-level plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICECS YP Track, Glasgow, 24th-26th October. This event will include talks, papers presentation and poster session. The details can be found here: https://2022.ieee-icecs.org/young-professionals-event/ The event will be organised by our Scotland Representative. • Digital health fireside panel discussion online, Mid Nov, Dublin • local technical panellist event on Sustainability, event is in collaboration with IET YP, Birmingham, December. • Subsea technologies, Aberdeen, Feb 2023. This event will include talks, papers presentation and poster session. The event will be organised by our Scotland Representative. • IEEE YP Open day Workshop, Dublin, March 2023. • 4th YP PG STEM Symposium, Birmingham on May 2023 – Building on the success of the previous editions, this event will include paper & poster sessions, workshop and panel discussions. This event will be organised by our England representatives. • Hackathon, Edinburgh, June 2023.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. YP AGM 2022 – to be hosted in Dec 2022 - for volunteers to e-meet, review progress, strategize and plan ahead for the subsequent years YP program. iii. Ongoing Improvement to digital/social media presence and communication with members through re-vamped website, Facebook and twitter page. iv. Continue to collaborate with industry, chapters and other similar organizations with shared interests
5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New leadership is established. Team has 11 volunteers with representation in all major cities across UK & Ireland We are still looking for volunteers in the north Ireland and we also need a webmaster.
6. Key Challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We went through a change in the leadership of the YP AG due to personal circumstance and new commitments. • The Covid-19 made us to change our past plans and group had to delay its past plans. • A lot of effort is required by volunteers to host medium scale events. This varies across the section as volunteer commitment is dependent on their research workload and availability. Seems to be an ongoing challenge that we are trying to manage best. • We need a webmaster to update our page regularly.
7. Deficits/Required Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating up new goals from last year's YP AGM • Review of current structure and division of workload in the AG as we look to further expand roll out of quality events. • Building on existing success for advance planning, coordination, accountability and timely communication of allocated tasks between volunteers
8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support to host in-person events • Volunteer development and attendance at Regional/national events
9. Action Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing review of events planned for the next 6 months • Increase communication and planning via regular committee meetings to review progress and performance. • Ensure volunteer workload is reviewed on regular basis to avoid burn-out. • Recruit additional volunteers, leverage and collaborate where possible. • Reconfirm volunteer commitment at start of every year