# Activity & Progress Reporting

## Section Spring Meeting - 28th April 2023

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| 3. Reporting Officer:    | Richard Pitwon |

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<th>4. Overview of current plan and activities:</th>
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<td>i. Support for ECOC 2023 in Glasgow in particular 9th Symposium on Hyperscale Optical Interconnect as first gender balanced conference.</td>
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<td>ii. Horizons for Optical and Photonics Emerging Sciences (HOPES) series (A. Kallepalli, A. Vasylchenkova)</td>
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<td>• Horizons for Optical and Photonics Emerging Sciences (HOPES) webinar (A. Kallepalli, A. Vasylchenkova)</td>
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<td>o &quot;Recent trends in ultrafast fibre laser development, ultrashort pulse characterisation and applications&quot; - Maria Chernysheva (Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology), 15th November 2022</td>
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<td>o “Recent Trends and the Future of Silicon Photonics” – Professor Graham Reed (Southampton University), 16th February 2023</td>
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<td>o “Funding opportunities offered by DASA” - Dr Debra Carr (Defence and Security Accelerator), 16th March 2023</td>
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7. **Deficits/Required Resources:**  
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8. **Actions/Support requested from the Section:**  
   - More pro-active support and encouragement from the Section for such initiatives is strongly recommended in future.
   - Better acknowledgement of subcommittee volunteer efforts especially amongst younger volunteers would go a long way to encourage continued volunteer contributions.

9. **Action Plan:**