Activity & Progress Reporting
Section Autumn Meeting - 28th April 2023

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	UK and Ireland SSIT Chapter	
2. Committee Members	Miriam Cunningham (Chair) Paul Cunningham (Vice Chair) Recruitment of additional committee members ongoing	
3. Reporting Officer:	Miriam Cunningham	
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	i. Provide Support for Local and International Conferences ii. Supporting Organisation of IEEE ISTAS 2023 (SSIT Flagship Conference) in Swansea, September 2023 – Technical Program Chair and Mentoring Local Organising Committee iii. Add value by including international as well as Section based subject matter experts for events and ask Members to nominate topics & expert speakers	
5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	• Organised schedule of 10 guest lectures across 2023 (3 completed to date) • Cooperating with OU – IEEE Humanitarian Technology Board, IEEE R8 Humanitarian Activities Committee, IEEE SSIT Chapters in other countries, IEEE SIGHTs in R8, R2, R10, UK and Ireland EMBS Chapter, UK and Ireland Education Chapter • Supporting organisation of 3 international conferences – IST-Africa 2023 (May, South Africa), IEEE OCEANS 2023 (June, Limerick), IEEE ISTAS 2023 (September, Swansea)	
6. Key Challenges:	• 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	
7. Deficits/Required Resources:	• 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	
8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:	• Request supplementary support from Section for resources to fund face-to-face meetings across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wates as local circumstances allow	
9. Action Plan:	• Deliver support to international conferences as outlined above • Deliver guest lecture series planned across 2023 • 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	