

**Activity & Progress Reporting**

**Section Spring Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

<p><b>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</b></p>	<p>Young Professionals</p>
<p><b>2. Committee Members</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Nazila Fough (Chair and Scotland Representative)</li> <li>• Dr Farid Mouawad (Vice Chair and England Representative)</li> <li>• Rajitha De Silva (Secretary and England Representative)</li> <li>• Koushik K Nundy (Treasurer and Ireland Representative)</li> <li>• Dr Opeyemi Ajibola (Webmaster)</li> <li>• Dr Daniel Martin (Ireland Representative)</li> <li>• Dr Peyman Heydarian (England Representative)</li> <li>• Dr Othman Younos (England Representative)</li> <li>• Dr Fengzhou Wang (Scotland Representative)</li> <li>• Sreehari A Sreekumar (England Representative)</li> <li>• Noel Gomes (Past Chair)</li> <li>• Dr Thaddeus Eze (Past vice chair)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Reporting Officer:</b></p>	<p>Nazila Fough</p>
<p><b>4. Overview of current plan and activities:</b></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> <p>A. Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital health fireside panel discussion online, July, Dublin</li> </ul> <p>B. England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local technical panellist event on Sustainability, the event is in collaboration with IET YP, Birmingham, December.</li> <li>• 4th YP PG STEM Symposium, Birmingham in September 2023 – Building on the success of the previous editions, this event will include paper &amp; poster sessions, workshops and panel discussions. This event will be organised by our England representatives.</li> </ul> <p>C. Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hackathon, Edinburgh, June 2023.</li> <li>• IEEE NEWCAS YP Track, Edinburgh, 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> June. This event will include talks, papers presentation and poster session. The details can be found here: <a href="https://2023.ieee-newcas.org/young-professionals-event">https://2023.ieee-newcas.org/young-professionals-event</a> The event will be organised by our Scotland Representative.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine and Subsea technologies, Aberdeen, Sep 2023. This event will include talks, papers presentation and poster session. The event will be organised by our Scotland Representative.</li> </ul> <p>ii. YP AGM 2023 – to be hosted in June 2023- for volunteers to e-meet, review progress, strategize and plan ahead for the subsequent years YP program.</p> <p>iii. Ongoing Improvement to digital/social media presence and communication with members through re-vamped website, Facebook and twitter page.</p> <p>iv. Continue to collaborate with industry, chapters and other similar organizations with shared interests</p>
<b>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New team with 12 volunteers with representation in all major cities across UK &amp; Ireland are established.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Key Challenges:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporating up new goals from last year’s YP AGM</li> <li>• Review of current structure and division of workload in the AG as we look to further expand roll out of quality events.</li> <li>• Building on existing success for advance planning, coordination, accountability and timely communication of allocated tasks between volunteers</li> </ul>
<b>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial support to host in-person events</li> <li>• Volunteer development and attendance at Regional/national events</li> </ul>
<b>9. Action Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review of events planned for the next 6 months</li> <li>• Increase communication and planning via regular committee meetings to review progress and performance.</li> <li>• Ensure volunteer workload is reviewed on regular basis to avoid burn-out.</li> <li>• Collaborate with student branches to host the events</li> <li>• Reconfirm volunteer commitment at start of every year</li> </ul>