



IEEE UK and Ireland Section

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IEEE UK & Ireland Section – October 2023 updates

- IEEE: More than 435,000+ IEEE members in more than 190 countries
- UK and Ireland: with nearly 10,000 members has the highest number among 57 sections in Region 8 and we were told that we were the largest Section in the world.
- Has 41 Societies, 7 technical councils and new initiatives, and Local Groups
- Chapter petitions to merge replicating units is continuing
- Major drive to realise our Chapter and Section Officer succession plans, Almost all our Chapters now have New Chairs and Officers in place with improved DEI balance, and still ongoing.

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- Past Chairs to be acknowledged on the Chapter Websites permanently with plaques and official recognition for all Past Chapter Chair to be presented at the Christmas Lecture in December.
- Excellent activity profile from our Chapters and groups, and amongst the top in Region 8
- Continued drive to make nominations for awards for our Section and its volunteers
- Represented the Section in three face Region 8 related meetings (Ottawa, Glasgow and Riga)

UK and Ireland Section Strategies October2023 – update

- **Our Priorities and Strategy for the rest of this Year**
 - **Continue to Activate Inactive Chapters & Student Branches with Cross Disciplinary Events at the Section, Region & International Levels**
 - **Proactively promote Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (IEEE DEI)**
 - **Professional Registration Activities to be re-visited and re-evaluated**
 - **Continue to register all activities and events on the Section Web-site**
 - **Membership development portal commissioning to move forward**

UK and Ireland Section Strategies October2023 – update

- Continue the push to renew Leadership positions at all levels of the Section, its Officers, its Societies, Technical Councils, New initiatives, and Local Groups with all that have been in post for more than 4 Years in Line with IEEE rules to retire and positions advertised as vacant.
- Continue the Section award scheme for the Chapter that delivers the most events in a year, to intrinsically facilitate and support other Chapters
- Section Lifetime Service awards finalized now and to be approved by ExCom.

UK and Ireland Section Areas for Improvement since April 2023 meeting

- **Conference Sponsorship and MOUs**
 - Get the Section's view and Consent before submission with 3 Cross Chapter Collaboration respecting our Bylaws.
- **Terms of Office in the Section and multiple roles, continue**
 - Ensuring this is done according to our Bylaws and the IEEE rules. All that exceed their 4 Year maximum periods will be retired and positions declared vacant and open for new recruits.
- **Procedures for Financial Support Requests and Approvals**
 - This is now working well

UK and Ireland Section Areas for Improvement since April 2023 meeting

- **Chapter/Section Officer Leadership**
 - Succession planning and Terms of Office as mentioned in the previous slides
- **L31 submissions**
 - Ease and automate the process of L31 submissions (No change)
- **Re-initiate more face-to-face activities**
 - This is now in full swing and working very well
- **Face to face Section meetings so far, Glasgow, Dublin, Caerdydd and now London**

UK and Ireland Section Activities 2023 Update since last meeting

- We continue to support YP and Student Branches who attended the IEEE Western European Students & Young Professionals Congress, Sep 2023, EPFL, Lausanne, with funding for 10 Attendees
 - Continuing with Milestone events with a new one identified and one coming up soon.
 - Met IEEE President at the Sections Congress in August and during his visit to Glasgow in early September & discussed Professional Registration
 - Our traditional Christmas Lecture, set for the afternoon of 15th Dec 2023
 - Awarded “Outstanding Member Recruitment Performance Certificate 2023”

UK and Ireland Section Feedback From Ottawa R8 Meeting and Sections Congress Aug 2023

- Sections Congress, and R8 merged to happen back-to-back in Ottawa.
- Our Region 8 meeting took place, on the first day with a number of important announcements, including Volunteering and Recognition, Life-Long Educational Activities and Industry Engagement.
- R8 Awards were also announced, where two were received for our Section:
 - Charles Turner for R8 LMAG Achievement Award
 - Annabel Latham was awarded the Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Section Volunteer Award in Ottawa
 - Unfortunately excluded from some awards as we won them in the near past.

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- Sections Congress is a very big IEEE event with Sections from all over the world attending with plenty to see and learn from.
- IEEE president Prof. Saifur Rahman, outlining his Innovate, Communicate, Coordinate and Cooperate (ICCC) priority areas
 - Climate Change, clean Tech Solutions for Climate Sustainability
 - Digital Reality Technologies
 - Innovating funding models
- Presentations from IEEE Senior Management were delivered.
- President-Elect Candidates gave their vision and plan in an open forum

UK and Ireland Section Concluding Remarks

- I am here to help
- Contact me any time via email:
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- Always happy to hear from you with your ideas that will contribute to delivering and furthering our mission and priorities for the Section.
- This is my last Section meeting as Section Chair and I thank all of you that have helped and contributed to our Section
- **THANKS AND ANY Questions?**