

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Spring Meeting - 28th April 2023

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	ComSoc UK and Ireland (COM19)
2. Committee Members	Nauman Aslam (Chair), Hoa Le Minh (Treasurer), Sean McGrath (Vice Chair), Qasim Ahmed, Huan Nguyen, Mohsin Raza (Secretary), Yansha Deng, Lina Mohjazi, Maryam Hafeez, Kapal Dev
3. Reporting Officer:	Nauman Aslam
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. New appointments and roles in the chapter organisation: Sean McGrath appointed as the Vice Chair for the current year. New volunteers considered for the activities supporting membership development. ii. For this year, the chapter will focus on activities that promote membership development and knowledge exchange. Summer school, industry training, student competitions and social events. iii. Work to re-invigorate the student activity. iv. Plan to organise a yearly UK ComSoc event in form of symposium/conference in partnership with UKRI Communication Hub. v. To continue organise technical events such as Guest Lectures, VDLs and DLs vi. Explore opportunity to re-engage with STEM for Britain, in a more visible and cost-effective manner vii. Liaise with students branches to expand student membership and promote ComSoc activities. viii. Cross collaboration with other chapters in the region to explore possibilities of jointly organising virtual events and VDLs.
5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	<p>(For 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized Guest L lecture by Prof. Andreas Pitsallidas at Northumbria University • Organized WCNC 2023 Training Event for PhD students • Co-organized WIE Workshop at WCNC • Technical sponsorship for ICIEM conference • Supporting a workshop session at IEEE VTC Spring 2023 • Organised two DL tours (Prof. Sinem Coleri and Dr. George Alexandropolus). Accomplished delivering 5 distinguished lectures • Organised summer school in collaboration with Dell in July at University of Limerick, Ireland • 6G-CLICK on Oct. 12 @ University of Surrey, Digital Connectivity and Innovation for Sustainable Futures @ UWS • Technical sponsorship for ICIEM conference

6. Key Challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making virtual events more engaging and improving attendance • Engagement and with wider ComSoc membership due to the size of the chapter and creating a sense of connected community
7. Deficits/Required Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter is in healthy financial status.
8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:	-
9. Action Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a ComSoc yearly conference “IEEE CONNECT” in collaboration with UKRI HUB on Communication • Arrange DL series (f2f) and VDL (jointly with other chapters) and expand non-DL talks • Explore options to participate IEEE in “STEM for Britain” 2024 at House of Commons • Continue Support IEEE ComSoc Student Prizes in 2023 • Invigorate student ComSoc community. • Continue to collaborate and support WIE/WICE