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Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting - 20th October 2023

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
2. Committee Members	Vishal Sharma (Co-Chair) Salma Al Arefi (Co-Chair)
3. Reporting Officer:	Vishal Sharma
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	i. A series of EDI talks (speakers contacted and waiting for approvals) ii. Planning for the EDI symposium (hybrid) iii. Reaching out to the UK and Ireland Universities EDI Committee for wider impact
5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	1. Prof James McLaughlin, OBE, delivered the annual talk for DEI group (September 28, 2023) 2. EDI panel scheduled for IEEE COINS 2024 (waiting for updates) 3. Coordinated with QUB's Racial Equality Networks for outreach
4. Key Challenges:	• Engagement across wider IEEE Community • Engagement in local activities across the R8 chapters
5. Deficits/Required Resources:	• Budget for in-person events
6. Actions/Support requested from the Section:	• Outreach and linking with local chapters and the UK and Ireland Universities
7. Action Plan:	• Keep progressing on DEI data tasks • Focus on outreach