

Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting - 20th October 2023

<p>1. Chapter/Affinity Group:</p>	<p>Life Member and History Committee. Industrial Delivery.</p>
<p>2. Committee Members</p>	<p>Brian Harrington, Charles Turner, Tony Davies, Roland Saam, Rod Muttram, Cyril Hilsum, Trevor Clarkson, Peter Grant, Gerard Hurley, Richard Carter, Jan Sykulski.</p>
<p>3. Reporting Officer:</p>	<p>Rod Muttram/Brian Harrington</p>
<p>4. Overview of current plan and activities:</p>	<p>i. ...Milestones expected to be dedicated in 2024:</p> <p>a) The Cavity Magnetron (Peter Grant, Edinburgh; Contact with Birmingham, Rod Muttram): This has now been approved by the History Committee and the IEEE Board of Directors. Birmingham University has responded positively and nominated a small committee to work with us on the dedication. A first meeting with them is scheduled for 26/10/2023. Peter Grant has suggested a seminar program which looks suitable. Likely ceremony date April/May/June 2024</p> <p>b) The Anderson Bridge (Gerard Hurley, PELS, Galway) complete, submitted and still awaiting an Advocate. Note: Advocates must be a past or present History Committee member – there are currently 21 proposals awaiting an Advocate. Should we challenge this condition?</p> <p>ii. ...Finalise and submit proposal for LEO (Lyons Electronic Office, London) Milestone (Brian Harrington, Charles Turner, LEO Computer Society). Plaque to be at the Queen’s Head pub where the team met. Agreement letter signed. Visit planned to agree final position. Proposal delayed by Brian Harrington’s computer problems but 90% complete. Historical accuracy and experts to be checked with Leo Computer Society before submission.</p> <p>iii.Investigate with IET possibility of joint Milestone at Savoy Hill House for first commercial transatlantic broadcast (BRH) – still trying to secure a plaque site following rejection by the Savoy Hotel.</p> <p>iv. ...To progress the search for a partner organisation to enable the IEEE UK and Ireland Section to offer its members Professional Registration and to improve industrial relationships. Following the positive meeting between Rod Muttram and Chair Izzet Kale and the IET Izzet has been attempting to move things forward with IEEE HQ, Izzet to report at meeting.</p>

<p>5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The CT scanner milestone has now been mounted at the former EMI Research site in Hayes • The Cavity Magnetron milestone is approved and we plan a high added value seminar as part of the unveiling ceremony.
<p>6. Key Challenges:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IEEE History committee process with long delays waiting for Advocates and Experts. The Committee are addressing the latter by requiring four experts to be identified with each future proposal. • Finding a way around the Professional Registration process conundrum. • In the current climate getting sponsorship for events is increasingly challenging – need a realistic Budget.
<p>7. Deficits/Required Resources:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMAG is a small group and several members have health issues we desperately need some new members if the group is not to ‘peter out’.
<p>8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to agree a way forward or to drop Professional Registration which has been in process since Ali Hessami’s Chairmanship. • Need help to identify and encourage new LMAG Members.
<p>9. Action Plan:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with Zoom Committee meetings quarterly, or when required. Face to face is increasingly difficult for some of our members.