Activity & Progress Reporting

Section Autumn Meeting – 20th October 2023

1. Chapter/Affinity Group:	Young Professionals
2. Committee Members	• Dr Nazila Fough (Chair and Scotland Representative) • Dr Farid Mouawad (Vice Chair and England Rep) • Rajitha De Silva (Secretary and England Representative) • Koushik K Nundy (Treasurer and Ireland Representative) • Dr Opeyemi Ajibola (Webmaster) • Dr Daniel Martin (Ireland Representative) • Dr Peyman Heydarian (England Representative) • Dr Othman Younus (England Representative) • Dr Fengzhou Wang (Scotland Representative) • Sreehari A Sreekumar (England Rep) • Noel Gomes (Past Chair) • Dr Thaddeus Eze (Past vice chair)
3. Reporting Officer:	Nazila Fough
4. Overview of current plan and activities:	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: A. England • 11th Early Career Talks (WIE and YP). 13th September 2023. • local technical panellist event on Sustainability, event is in collaboration with IET YP, Birmingham, December. • 4th YP PG STEM Symposium, Newcastle, 18th November 2023 – Building on the success of the previous editions, this event will include paper & poster sessions, workshop and panel discussions. This event will be organised by our England representatives. • IEEE Mentoring Meet 2023 – UK and Ireland Edition, Newcastle, 18th November 2023 – Helping IEEE members and non members to find mentors of their desired domain through IEEE network. • Art competition on Optical Wireless Communications, online submission until 10/09/2023. • IEEE YP introduction to students in Newcastle, UK. The event was established in collaboration with IEEE student branch in May 2023 B. Ireland • IEEE YP Open day Workshop, Dublin, March202 (rescheduled for March 224).

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- IEEE NEWCAS YP Track, Edinburgh, 26th -28th June. This event included talks, papers presentation and poster session. The details can be found here: https://2023.ieee-newcas.org/young-professionals-event The event has been organised by our Scotland Representative.
- Marine and Subsea technologies, Aberdeen, Feb 2024. This event will include talks, papers presentation and poster session. The event will be organised by our Scotland Representative.

ii.   YP AGM 2023 – hosted in June 2023- for volunteers to e-meet, review progress, strategize and plan ahead for the subsequent years YP program.

iii.   Ongoing Improvement to digital/social media presence and communication with members through re-vamped website, Facebook and twitter page.

iv.   Continue to collaborate with industry, chapters and other similar organizations with shared interests

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5. Key Achievements and member value/services to date:	• A new team with 12 volunteers with representation in all major cities across the UK & and Ireland are established.
6. Key Challenges:	• 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.
7. Deficits/Required Resources:	• Incorporating up new goals from last year's YP AGM • Review of current structure and division of workload in the AG as we look to further expand the roll out of quality events. • Building on existing success for advance planning, coordination, accountability and timely communication of allocated tasks between volunteers
8. Actions/Support requested from the Section:	• Financial support to host in-person events • Volunteer development and attendance at Regional/national events
9. Action Plan:	• Ongoing review of events planned for the next 6 months • Increase communication and planning via regular committee meetings to review progress and performance. • Ensure volunteer workload is reviewed on a regular basis to avoid burnout. • Collaborate with student branches to host events • Reconfirm volunteer commitment at start of every year