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 Younis (Scotland Representative)
- Dr Fengzhou Wang (Scotland Representative)
- 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
   - 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, March 2023 (rescheduled for March 224).
## 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