

United Kingdom and Ireland Section

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Getting Closer to Industry

- I am embarking on a section reform and revitalization effort that is largely hinged around closer contact and ties with the industry and public sector in the Section as well as focus on the YP, SB & WIE.
- I have a plan to visit the executives of major industrial enterprises in the UK during the 2016 which is the first year of my tenure.

Students and Young Professionals

Having started my role as the Chair on 1 January 2016, my section revitalization strategy and program has a major emphasis on Young Professionals. I have already filed a funding application with R8 to support running 2-3 one day YP and Student Open Days in London, Edinburgh and possibly Dublin during the second quarter of 2016. I am currently seeking partnership with other commercial and industrial partners regarding these Open Day events.

Section Vitality

I have a reform plan for the UK & Ireland Section that is largely aimed at revitalizing the Section with major emphasis on extensive communications with the Section ExCom and Chapter Chairs. I have already planned and run online sessions to initiate many facets of my extensive revitalization policy and plan. I believe a dynamic and active UK & Ireland Section could provide a good example for the other Sections in R8 and some of the plans are being drafted with R8 impact in mind.

Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

My plan for revitalising UK & Ireland Section:

- 1) Developing Strategy & Plan for revitalizing the Section
- 2) Organizing two Open Day events for YP and SB (Q1 2016)
- 3) Organizing one MAW in London in collaboration with UK industry (Q2 2016)
- 4) Arranging a survey to seek views from the membership
- 5) Organizing monthly Online sessions with Section Exec
- 6) Program to develop Systematic Role Descriptions and Forms
- 7) Developing Information Packs for the Chapter Chairs
- 8) Planning and meeting with Industry leaders, Universities and PEIs to forge closer ties
- 9) Developing a mentoring program for the Young Members with the support of LMs
- 10) Pursuing opportunities to register the Section as a legal entity in the UK and Ireland
- 11) Making provisions for IEEE to grant Professional Recognition in the UK & Ireland
- 12) Pursuing a higher profile for the Section in UK & Ireland media
- 13) Active identification of Opportunities for History awards and events
- 14) Devising process and means of active engagement with the Chapters and the ExCom
- 15) Developing UK & I into a dynamic, growing and valued enterprise as an exemplary Section in R8
- 16) Developing/supporting and launching the new Section Website & the Section Newsletter