

**Summary of the Information and Communication Technologies
Theme Strategic Advisory Team (ICT SAT) and Digital Economy
Programme Advisory Board (DE PAB) Meeting
15 September 2016
*Mercure Holland House Hotel, Bristol***

Attendees:

ICT SAT	Professor Edmund Burke CHAIR	Queen Mary, University of London
	Dr Susan Appleby	CESG
	Professor Mike Chantler	Heriot Watt University
	Professor Mischa Dohler	King's College London
	Professor Yang Hao	Queen Mary, University of London
	Professor Matt Jones	Swansea University
	Professor Antony Kenyon	University College London
	Professor Martin Kuball	University of Bristol
	Professor David Robertson	University of Edinburgh
	Professor Bashar Nuseibeh	Open University
	Professor Danaë Stanton Fraser	University of Bath
Professor Susan Stepney	University of York	
DE PAB	Professor m.c. schraefel	University of Southampton
	Professor Mark Plumbley	University of Surrey
	Siân John	Symantec
EPSRC	Dr Liam Blackwell	Lead of ICT Theme
	Ellie Gilvin	Senior ICT Portfolio Manager
	Dr Jim Fleming	Senior Manager (Building Leadership)
	Zoe Brown	ICT Portfolio Manager
	Dr Lisa Coles	ICT Portfolio Manager
	Dr Andreas Kontogeorgos	ICT Portfolio Manager
	Dr Adam Luqmani	ICT Portfolio Manager
	Dr Miriam Dowle	ICT Portfolio Manager
	Diane Howard	ICT Portfolio Manager
	Dr Matthew Scott	ICT Portfolio Manager

Dr Sarah Newman
Mohammad Mehdinejad

ICT Portfolio Manager
Year in Industry Student

Apologies Dr Wyn Meredith
Professor Dimitra Simeonidou
Professor Peter Smowton
Dr Nigel Birch

Compound Semiconductor Centre
University of Bristol
Cardiff University
Senior ICT Portfolio Manager

Three members of the Digital Economy Programme Advisory Board (DE PAB) attended this meeting to provide their perspectives to the discussions. In the remainder of this document, please assume any reference to the 'ICT SAT' also includes these DE PAB members.

1. ICT Theme Update

The ICT SAT were informed of the results of the EPSRC call for evidence on Balancing Capability. The ICT SAT were happy with the approach taken by the ICT Theme in analysing the input to the call. The ICT SAT recommended that EPSRC publish a timeline to demonstrate the process that has been undertaken, when wider engagement has taken place and what form this has taken. The ICT Theme will consider how best to do this over the coming months.

The ICT SAT were updated on recent developments in the research funding landscape, including planning for the formation of UKRI.

Recent changes in staffing within the ICT Theme were highlighted. The ICT Theme has welcomed one new Portfolio Manager, Andreas Kontogeorgos who will be responsible for the photonics portfolio. Diane Howard and Alex Hulkes will be leaving the Theme to join the EPSRC CEO Office and ESRC respectively.

2. Balancing Capability

The ICT SAT were asked to comment on the future strategic focus for the EPSRC Research Areas of most relevance to ICT. This input is leading to new strategic focuses for all these EPSRC Research Areas and a new set of cross-ICT priorities being published in January 2017. The ICT SAT were informed that brief summaries of the cross-ICT priorities will be published at the end of October, in order to update the wider community.

3. Future Cross-ICT Priorities

The ICT SAT were asked to comment on the scope and direction of the new cross-ICT priorities. They were also reminded of the engagement leading up to the formation of these priorities, principally the regional meetings held by the ICT Theme in 2015/16 and the May 2016 SAT Meeting.

This was a facilitated session, the results of which will be considered by the ICT Theme over the coming months.

4. Building Leadership

The ICT SAT were asked to comment on the balance between student and post-doctoral support and the factors that might influence this. This is feeding in to a wider exercise that is taking place across EPSRC to develop an understanding of this landscape and will be considered by EPSRC Council.

5. Next steps

The ICT SAT were reminded of the immediate next steps following the meeting, including the timetable for Balancing Capability in item 2.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business tabled at the meeting.

In the following week, teleconferences were held with the ICT SAT members who could not attend the physical SAT meeting in order to seek their input into these discussions.

Dates of Next Meetings

8 November 2016