

FRANCE LOCAL NETWORK
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7th Nov 2023
SESSION Nov 2022 - Oct 2023

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Chairman's report

The past year has been a period of consolidation for the IET France Local Network following a period of disfunction which made the eventual dissolution of the network a distinct possibility.



Our membership numbers are falling. Where we could boast over 300 members we have dipped below that yard post to 291. Our demographics are also concerning with few young professionals, a median age of 59 years and over a third of our members retired. We have had to go separate ways with the previous chair and the status of three IET On Campus Groups is in question.

Brexit and the current political climate have made the IET lose relevancy in the European Union. We have few active volunteers and few activities to our name but all is not doom and gloom.

We share a strong partnership with the local chapter of the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) where we co-host events together including this year's visit to the CERN science gateway construction site and to the Compact Muon Solenoid as well as several online events we shared with our members. We have improved communications and outreach with other Local Networks including the Switzerland Local Network where we have again shared events.

Online, we have updated the France Network page on EngX to enable easy reach to prospective members interested in volunteering and have boosted our presence on social media with active LinkedIn and Facebook pages.

The network committee is repositioning itself away from the previous Paris-centric setup to a more de-centralised online format and fewer physical in person meetings.

Our statutes are being updated to clarify important points and allow a little more flexibility in the running and organization of the network.

We are planning events for 2024 including online cybersecurity webinars and a joint visit to ITER and the nearby Bollène dam on the Rhône river with the ICE.

All this has been noticed by the IET governance at the EMEA Communities Committee level and beyond and support is being provided to help us grow the network. We were invited to submit a budget request for 2024 in order to enable our return to an annually funded status.

We do not need to re-invent the wheel and we are not expected to turn the network into a powerhouse. By holding events and activities, improving our outreach to members and potential volunteers and affirming our value and relevancy.

As the saying goes, "If you build it, they will come".

Morgan Bonici IEng MIET

France Local Network Chair 2023

Listing of Main Events

Date	Event
Dec 13	Extraordinary General Meeting
Mar 10	CERN Visit



Past IET President Sir Julian Young KBE CB FREng CEng FIET presenting on “Maintaining a Just Culture” at the IET France Local Network EAGM 2022.



Visit to the CERN Science Gateway construction site co-hosted with the ICE.



The Compact Muon Solenoid particle detector within the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

Membership Statistics

Member Type	No. of Member
Fellow (FIET)	27
Honorary Fellow	2
Member (MIET)	217
Technician Member (TMIET)	5
Associate	31
Student	9
Total no. of members:	291

Engineering Council Registration

Chartered (CEng)	116
Incorporated (IEng)	10
Engineering Technician (EngTech)	5
ICT Technician (ICTTech)	1
Total no. of members:	132

Treasurer's Report

For the financial year 2022:

The IET France Local Network account started the year with 1577.58€. Bank charges of 4.93€ were charged per month. Donations of 120€ were paid to the Royal British Legion (RBL) for use of their address for the IET France registration and of 100€ for the use of the premises for meetings. British Chamber of Commerce (BCC) membership, for which we get advertising of events on the site and in the newsletter as well as publishing our presence was 20€.

We started the year with two uncashed cheques outstanding of 150€ and 26€.

The IET France Local Network account was closed in May 2022 on the demand of the IET. On the 31st May 2022, 1301.16€ was refunded to the IET UK. The outstanding cheques were out of data validity and were written off.

The Social account started the year at 1779.79€. The bank charges on this account rose from 4.60€ to 5.03€ a month from July 2022. As of 31st Dec 2022, the balance was 1716.71€.

Phil Dunbar
Honorary Treasurer 2022

For the financial year 2023 so far:

Since 2023 has seen few activities, there has been very limited expenditure. Costs arising on the social account from (a) standard banking fees estimated at 5.03€ per month, (b) use of RBL postal address at 200€ and (c) BCC membership fee of 20€.

Due to the necessary requirements needed to hold a society bank account and the cost incurred to maintain it open, the committee is currently discussing closing the social account in the coming year. Funds from the account will likely be donated to the IET Benevolent Fund once volunteer costs incurred are recovered.

We have submitted a budget request to the Communities Committee EMEA of 1490€ to hold events throughout 2024.

Colin Childes
Honorary Treasurer 2023

Elected IET France Local Network Committee - 2024

Committee Member	Position
Morgan Bonici	Chairman
Stuart Burton	Honorary Secretary
Colin Childes	Honorary Treasurer
Phil Dunbar	Committee Member
Ian Gillis	Committee Member
Franck Margrave	Committee Member
Paul Poncelet	Committee Member

Outgoing IET France Local Network Committee - 2023

Committee Member	Position
Morgan Bonici	Chairman
Phil Dunbar	Deputy Chair
Colin Childes	Honorary Treasurer
Stuart Burton	Honorary Secretary
Franck Margrave	Membership and Professional Registration
Timothy Lorkin	Paris Section Chief
Ian Gillis	South-West Section Chief
Maxwell Oyom	Committee Member
Paul Poncelet	Committee Member
Damian Wood	Committee Member

Arranged by: Morgan Bonici

Reviewed by: Colin Childes, Franck Margrave

Approved by: Phil Dunbar