

# Steering Committee meeting of the UK Acoustics Network

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# Agenda

1. Discuss UKAN operational principles:
  - a. Feedback from the launch and yesterday meeting.
  - b. Aim.
  - c. Membership and structure.
  - d. Coordination and communication.

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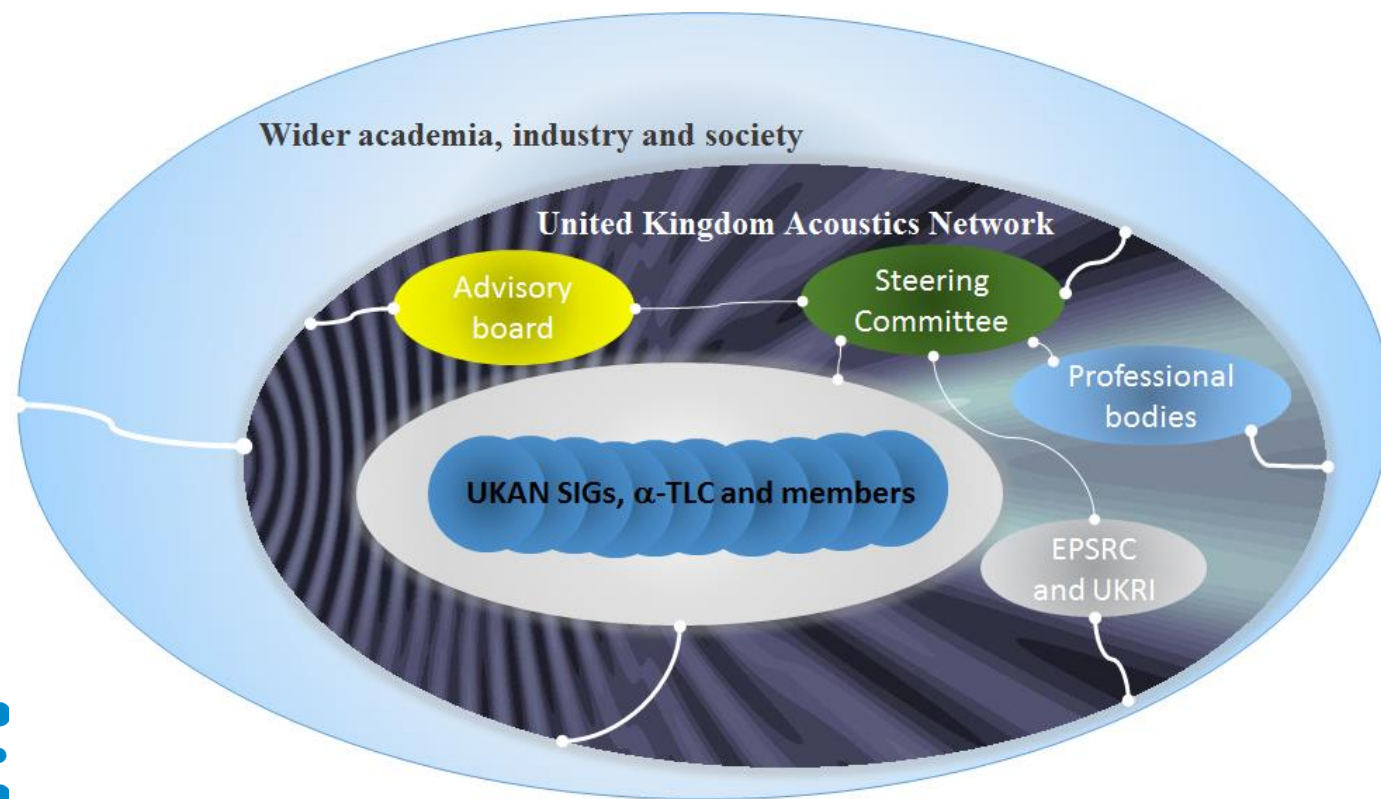
# Aim:

- The main aim of the UKAN is to bring together researchers working in different areas of acoustics to enhance communication between groups, provide a focus for collaboration and innovation, and to maximise the future impact of acoustics based research in the UK.

# Membership and structure (1):

- 9 SIGs at present.
- UKAN is an open Network.
- UKAN has funding to expand ...
- or contract to focus funding on successful SIGs.
- There is a request for new SIG in Vibro-acoustics (SIGVA).
- There is a proposal to support ERC Group (ECG).

# Membership and structure (2):



# Coordination and communication:

- How often we meet: SC, AB and  $\alpha$ -TLC?
- How do we communicate efficiently within the management team?
- How do we communicate efficiently with out members?
- How do we engage efficiently with ECRs and SMEs?

2. Discuss SIG operational principles:
- a. Inner SIG structure and division of responsibilities.
  - b. Inter-SIG collaboration and links to other networks.
  - c. Funding.
  - d. Accountability.

# Inner SIG structure and division of responsibilities:

- Led by SIG leader.
- Do we need deputy(ies)?
- Example responsibilities are: workshops; conferences; training material; research visits; publications including special editions; webinars and information packs; joint research bids; engaging with industry, SMEs and regulators; engagement with public and schools; ad-hoc events.
- Who will take these responsibilities?

# Inter-SIG collaboration and links to other networks:

- How do we get SIGs to work together?
- How do we engage with other networks efficiently (UK and overseas)?
- How do we reach beyond acoustics?

# Funding:

- Our disposal budget is £490k.
- We need to spend it efficiently and fairly.
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# Accountability:

- How do we remain transparent and accountable?
- How do we record our activities and achievements?

3. Discuss actions and timetable of events in Year 1:
- a. SIG meeting programme.
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  - c. Grant writing retreats.
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## DIAGRAMMATIC PROJECT PLAN: Acoustics Network

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4. Discuss website (<https://www.acoustics.ac.uk>):
- a. Current status.
  - b. Next steps.
  - c. Linking with other websites, e.g. [www.ioa.org.uk](http://www.ioa.org.uk).

5. Any other business:

6. Date of next meeting: