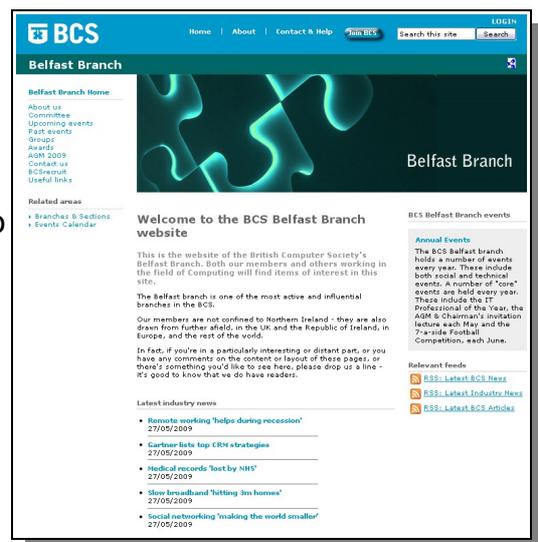## 2008-09 Webmaster Report – BCS Belfast Branch

This year has seen the launch of a new branch website on the **bcsbelfast.org** domain. This was driven largely by the high charges of our previous supplier, and the availability of BCS-provided hosting. Taking control of our domain registration, and moving to free-of-charge web hosting will save the branch and the society several hundred pounds per annum – not to be sneezed at in the current economic climate.

For now the website is a fairly static affair, but we are considering ways in which to increase our interaction with the branch membership. Suggestions under consideration are:

- blogging,

- recordings (possibly in the form of a podcast) of our technical events,

- online payments for certain events

- social networking features (the YPG facebook group is an example of this approach), and technologies like twitter.

If any of our members have ideas they would like to see – or even better, ideas they would like to implement – please let us know. The Branch is there to serve the membership and the broader community, not to impose our plans on you.

At present, while next year's programme is being developed, there is little new content – but watch this space for details of the new events, and information and resources from completed events.

Paul Dundas
(branch webmaster)