BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	BCS Quality SG
Year:	2022
Report Completed By:	Margaret Ross, Carol Long and Raid AlQaisi

Group Chair:	**Raid AlQaisi**
Group Treasurer:	**Margaret Ross**
Group Secretary:	**Geoff Staples**
Group Inclusion Officer:	**Haiyan Wu**
Group **Early Career Officer**	**Safia Barikzai**
Other Committee Members:	**Soheir Ghallab, Eleni Berki, Liz Bacon, Mike Elliott, Elli Georgiadou, Peter Linecar, David Wynn**

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Programme, Practice, and Policy (PPP) Committee will review your submitted report, and suitable action points fed into the Community Board for strategic planning. As one of the critical communication points with our members, your completion of this report supports not only your group but ongoing support and development of other member groups and the BCS itself

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

Success	Additional Comments
1. The 10 events	There was one hybrid and 9 webinars: Vitruvian Quality – Peter Leeson Software Quality Management at the NPL, then BCS Quality SG AGM – Keith Lines and Indhu George Quality archaeology: learning from the past to understand the present (and future) - Alex Schladebeck, How have approaches to quality changed over the past 20 years? - Mary and Tom Poppendieck Advanced Software Engineering QC and QA - a 2022 update on V-Model Thinking – Tom Gilb HonFBCS, from Norway Cyber Security and the importance of your security posture - Bal Matu Workshop: Analysis of Stakeholder Value Objectives – Tom Gilb HonFBCS, from Norway Quality on time - Delivering the right results at the right time - Niels Malotaux How to move towards Zero Defects - Niels Malotaux TickITplus supports remote audits of quality system - Paul Breslin
2. Events presented from various locations in the UK, and abroad, and jointly with other Member groups	Presenters from UK, Japan and Norway. Many events held jointly with other BCS Member groups, during the year, including BCS Business Change, Software Testing, BCSWomen Specialist Groups and also the Hampshire, Edinburgh and Dorset Branches, also with ITA.

3. Diversity of topics and presenters	Promoting Inclusion, the presenters came from widely diverse backgrounds, and one fifth were women, including a free, remote three hour work shop on **Workshop: Analysis of Stakeholder Value Objectives by Tom Gilb HonFBCS, presented from from Norway aimed at those in their Early Careers**

Plans

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Additional webinar events and possible physical events, and visits,	Future Events include webinar and possibly physical events if possible, joint with other SGs, Branches, and other organisations, such as ITA, with the presenters from UK and abroad, including Norway and Australia in Autumn 2022
2. To hold training workshops and to promote inclusion and diversity	Provide training workshops, and to encourage more diversity of presenters, including from overseas, and topics to promote diversity
3. Encourage links to other education establishments	Develop closer links with BCS Chapter, teacher/lecturer in schools and universities, and their students, in the UK and overseas.

Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

Impediment	Description
1. Issues related to the Virus	Issues with limitation of events and visits as of in past years, held in various universities and organisations
2. Problems in circulating details of quality activities to other potentially interested BCS Member Groups	Unable to obtain an easy-to-use circulation list, to reach the appropriate person (chair/Secretary) in each of the various BCS Member Groups and university Chapters
3. Problems in publicising events to teachers to join webinars	Need to find an efficient means of reaching the appropriate teacher/lecturer in schools and universities in the UK and overseas. We would like teachers, and also for their university students, to join in the webinars and physical events

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

The Quality Specialist Group membership is 521 who are mainly based in the UK, with approximately 13% are from outside the UK,
The Specialist Group held during 2021/2022 ten events,
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This SG has strong links oversea, with webinars presented from outside the UK, including from Norway and Japan

Further Comments

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team; please give them below.

We wish to hold more webinars, with speakers from the UK and overseas, and widen considerably the participation in these events, so would like help with BCS publicity within and beyond the BCS members.

When physical events are more widely resumed, we would like physical events and visits, and events that can be accessed remotely and recorded, as are the current webinars, and would like to organise networking events, both face-2-face and via break-out rooms, and also more physical and online visits

We would like help in reaching teachers, and using CAS to communicate with them,

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of Recognition of Appreciation award:
- Certificate of Appreciation – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- Meritorious Certificate – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- John Ivinson Award – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers per year.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of contribution to the BCS.

Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a member of your team for an award of recognition. A member of the Community Team will get in touch to help you complete the process.

Group/Branch Member	Years of BCS Volunteering	Nomination
	We have some nominations, but are confirming years of service, and obtaining supportive statements	

Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:
- At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
- To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.