

**Minutes of the Fifth meeting of the 2007/88 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm, 4th March, 2008
Robert Recorde Room
Swansea University
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153.5.0 PRESENT		
Paul Bulmer (Chair)	John Tucker	Derek Smith
Ralph Miller (Sec)		
153.5.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Max Davis	Gareth O’Gorman
Fred Long	Tony Corner	Eric LLewellyn
C Allen	Jason Mullins	Richard David
leuan Johns	Beti Williams	Jeremy White

153.5.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS	Actions
Unfortunately, arrangements to have contact for this meeting with Fred Long by telephone were still not possible. However Fred confirmed he had no further report for this meeting	
Reports from absent members are welcome. Please send them to the Sec., as we can then incorporate them in the minutes and the Committee is kept up to date	All
Davis Mather from Bridgend, had emailed that as he could not provide the time, he suggested Mr John Morgan, Head of Dept. be contacted to find another member of his staff to join the Committee. RD to investigate	RD
Please send apologies to the Sec, copy to the chair, if possible in good time, as we can then adjust the refreshment numbers and even the date of the meeting if necessary following large numbers of apologies.	All
153.5.3 WELCOME	
There were no guests at the meeting	
153.5.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, for placing on the Web.	IJ
153.5.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
A meeting with the Newport Statisticians and OR will be included in the events programme	JW
The Branches resource project has been re-introduced at BMC. Ongoing	RRM
MBCS at Graduations: Richard French to provide update at Universities/IHE conference.	RF
IJ to post Membership info on Website.	IJ
Members to suggest further items for Website. Ongoing	All
Members to consider if any further requirements for finance this year. Ongoing	All
Await response from BMA Specialist Group regarding Health SG in Wales. Ongoing	DS
Suggested Web design activities in schools. Ongoing.	RD
Student’s requirements regarding attendance at Events to be raised at Universities/IHE conference. Ongoing.	RRM
IJ suggested an email list of those to whom posters for events could be sent (eg Cardiff City and County, UWIC)	All

	<p>Pursue McLaren Student Prize. Ongoing</p> <p>Increase our activities to encourage Women to join the BCS. It was not immediately necessary to be a Member to attend Committee. Female (males as well of course) school students should be actively encouraged to take interest in ICT. Beti would arrange for us to engage with WIT in Wales, and also get links started with Schools. All Committee were asked to encourage female colleagues to join the Committee, or at least partake with this work.</p> <p>The situation with regard to the lack of girls taking ICT at School and then at University was at a point where a serious lack of national resources in this field could affect the economy. Ongoing</p> <p>Invitations to non-Members to be more vigorous in our Event announcements on the web, in the email, and on Notices. Members should be encouraged to bring colleagues and non-Members with temporary access should be clearly encouraged. We should then pick up their details at the meetings. – Ongoing</p> <p>Adam Price, Plaid MP for Carmarthen East to be invited to the proposed launch of the BCS in Wales, in the light of his winning the BCS competition for the best MPs Website. (It was also suggested that we might consider having a competition for the best AMs Website.) PB to write to see if he was interested. Deferred till start of “BCS in Wales” agreed</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>All</p> <p>IJ, JW ,DS</p> <p>PB</p>
153.5.6 CORRESPONDENCE		
	There was no correspondence	
153.5.7 BRANCH REPORTS		
	Membership Secretary’s Report: No report	
	Webmaster's Report: PB reported IJ was updating the website	
	Treasurer’s Report: No report	
	Chairman's Report: There was no further report	
	Branches Board/Council Reports: No further report	
	YPG: No further report	
	Schools: No report Universities: Next meeting April 30 th at the OU in Wales. Richard French to give presentation on MBCS at Graduations and Group Membership.	
153.5.8 2007/2008 Events Programme		
	<p>Following the suggestion made at last meeting. JW had kindly taken up the role of Events Co-ordinator</p> <p>May - History of Computing event. Video recording arrangements would be arranged by JT. JT suggested several parts to this event, e.g. a history of the Branch, and of computing in Wales. It was agreed that Noel Cox and Rod Delemare should be met at tea/lunch by JT and RRM (to arrange). It was suggested that Alex Gray also be contacted.</p> <p>JT reported that he already had a room for the archived material, and was being actively in the University. RRM reported that there had been no progress on finding Archive material from BCS HQ</p> <p>DS recent very successful meeting entitled “Freud as real-time programmer “ would be repeated possibly in West Wales. Attendance had been low at this recent event.</p>	RRM

	Suggestions for future meetings were requested by the Chair to be sent and arranged with JW.	
153.5.9	Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters	
	PB reported that he had forwarded the proposal for “all Wales “ to North Wales and Chester Chair. They would consider at their next meeting.	
	No further report at this meeting	
153.5.10	COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES	
	No further action at this meeting	
153.5.11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p>JT reported an important IWA meeting on the 13th March would see any progress on the Science Strategy in Wales, from Chris Pollock, the “path finder” appointed by WAG. Members were urged to attend if possible.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we seek collaboration or contact with the influential BA</p>	JT
153.5.12	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
	10 th April in Cardiff	

Appendix 1

Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2007			
Thursday 20 th March 2008	RD & BW	Title: Entertaining a second life Speaker: Dr Robert Gittins From: ITWales Regional Manager, Bangor Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Initial synopsis had been obtained but BW to discuss with presenter to see if more emphasis can be made to slant this towards the role that computers play in providing entertainment as this was the original outline given by the IET in their publicity.
April	JW	Title: British Ports Speaker: From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis: Collision avoidance. Goods tracking logistics. Site visit to Cardiff Bay.	Full synopsis now on the web.
May 2008	JT	Title: AGM and 50 th anniversary event Something historical? Speaker: John Tucker From: Swansea Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	JT to send outline of plans and input to date to IJ and JW to publicise and stimulate further interest and input.
Sept 2008			
Oct 2008			
Nov 2008			
Dec 2008			
This event, originally proposed for September will now be organised for later in the year. A date is still to be agreed.	DC	Title: Computer Forensics Speaker: From: Venue: Glamorgan Synopsis:	ND has secured an offer from the Information Security Research group (Uni of Glamorgan) to provide the basis for a half day on computer forensics, possibly to include some trade stands. To follow up on input from Prof Neil Barrett. With ND departure from the committee, can DC help with this? DS offered to help in August if required.
		Microsoft Sharepoint?	These topics were requested via feedback
	IJ	IT, Computers and the environment	IJ had ideas on the topic that he wished to explore