

# **BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT**

## **South Wales Branch**

### **AGM**

Wednesday 26th September 2012  
Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ

<http://southwales.bcs.org>

# 2011/2012 Annual General Meeting: Agenda

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# Minutes of last year's AGM

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- Minutes available via branch web site
- Hard copies available
- Apologies received from
  - Jeremy White
  - Rosemary Dale
  - Peter Salenieks
  - Helen Phillips
  - Andrew Richards
  - Carl Allen
  - Tom Crick
  - Daniel Cunliffe
  - Andrew Bellamy
- Any other apologies?

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# Current Branch Committee

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- Committee meetings,
  - First Wednesday of every month
  - Alternating between East (Cardiff) & West (Swansea)
  - Traditional and Themed meetings
  - Open to everyone!
- Ten committee meetings held since the last AGM
  - Minutes available via Branch web site (<http://southwales.bcs.org>)
- Committee membership has been as follows:

# 2011-12 Committee Members

Who	Roles
Mikhaila Burgess	Chair BCSWomen and BCS in Wales member
Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair
Ralph Miller	Branch Secretary and BCS in Wales Chair
Alan Boyce	Treasurer
Jeremy White	Branches Congress & Events Coordinator Member of the Digital Wales Supplier Forum Vice Chair, and Secretary
Derek Smith	Public Relations
Carl Allen	Webmaster
Tom Bradley	Membership Secretary
Jason Mullins	Membership Assessor
Max Davis	YPG Promoter
Fred Long	Aberystwyth Uni coordinator Mid Wales Sub Branch Chair and BCS in Wales member

Who	Roles
Beti Williams	Swansea University coordinator and BCS in Wales member
Daniel Cunliffe	Glamorgan University coordinator
Stillianos Vidalis	Newport University coordinator
Eric Llewellyn	Member & Newport University coordinator
Helen Phillips	Cardiff University coordinator
Position vacant	Bridgend College coordinator
Rosemary Dale	Open University in Wales coordinator
John Tucker	Member and BCS in Wales member
Phil Watt	Schools
Andrew Bellamy	Member
Tom Crick	UWIC Coordinator in the Branch and BCS in Wales member Member of the Digital Wales Research Hub Strategy Group

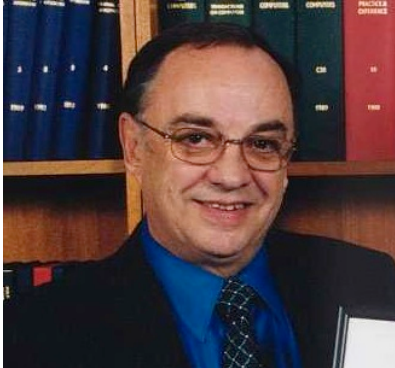
# Past committee members

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- Stilianos Vidalis
  - Representative for University of Wales, Newport
  - Initiator of the Security Series of events
  - We thank him for his work on the branch committee and wish him all the best for the future



# Branch Committee – Special mentions



- Ralph Miller

- Previously Branch Secretary & Chair BCS in Wales
- Now, Committee Member
- Active on numerous BCS boards and committees
- Instrumental in establishing BCS in Wales & associated groups, the Cross-Party Digital Committee in the National Assembly for Wales
- Previous winner of John Ivinston Award
- On behalf of all members of BCS South Wales the committee would like to thank Ralph for his many years of service in the role as branch secretary.



- Betty Williams

- MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for Services to Women in Science, Engineering & Technology
- Recently director of IT Wales, Swansea University
- Founder of Software Alliance Wales and Technocamps
- Active on numerous BCS boards and committees
- 2010 BCS award for Meritorious Service

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# Branch Events

Events coordinator: Jeremy White

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- The 2011/12 programme comprised 17 events including
  - Annual business lecture (“The Cloud, is it just hot air?”)
  - Annual Christmas lecture (“The Christmas Star”)
  - Annual history lecture (“Forty Years of Software Engineering”)
  - “Fire and Rescue Service ‘Command and Control’ – a visit to South Wales Fire and Rescue HQ
- We worked with the IET, IT Wales, Software Alliance Wales, Technocamps and other BCS Branches & SGs to deliver joint events
- We were fortunate to be involved in the prestigious BCS/IET Turing lecture once more
- We'd like to thank everyone who helped including our presenters, collaborators and hosts

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- The 2012/13 programme
    - Details available via branch web site
    - Also, via email and Twitter (@BCS\_South\_Wales)
  - Events will include:
    - Professional Development Series
    - Annual Business Lecture – Peter Black, AM
    - Annual Christmas Family Event “From Silent Night to Slade: Christmas tunes transformed by technology
    - The BLOODHOUND SSC - The 1000mph Car
      - March 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, with Swansea University
- Two-part event
- More joint events with other organisations, BCS Branches and BCS SGs
  - Coming soon – visit to Bletchley Park

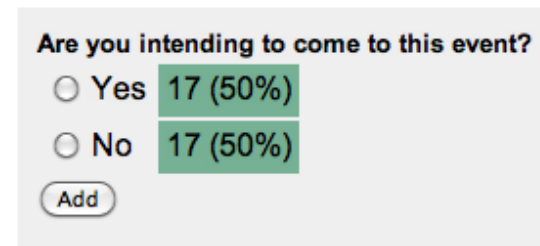


# Branch Web Site

Webmaster: Carl Allen

- **The 2011/12 website**

- Improved Layout of Home page (News and Forthcoming Events)
- Faster Turnaround of event data  
Taken a new approach of publishing early info and updating later.  
Now fully content managed.
- Tested a new event counter  
Quite successful (but please use more)  
Restricted to the 'next' branch event for technical reasons.
- Introduced the use of twitter to give short updates on  
Website Updates, Event Updates, Specific News
- Undergraduate courses published on the site
- Introduced the Software Alliance Wales pages publishing  
Workshops  
Training








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
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BCS South Wales Branch

Events

BCS in Wales

Undergraduate Courses


Young Professionals Group

Chair's Letters

Committee

Links

Welcome to the BCS South Wales Branch website



BCS Local Branches have the responsibility of promoting the aims of BCS in their local area.

BCS South Wales Branch achieves this through a number of ways including (but not limited to) running events covering technical, business and personal development aspects of professional development, sponsoring/partnering events run by other organisations where beneficial and promoting organisational and individual membership of BCS.

News

The BLOODHOUND SCC Project is aimed at taking the World Land Speed Record into a totally new speed regime.

BCS South Wales Branch are planning an event with Swansea University in March 2013.

This has already sparked a lot of interest so please check the site regularly or follow us on twitter ([@BCS\\_South\\_Wales](#)) to get updates on progress on this and other events.

[Further information](#)



Forthcoming events

[World Robotic Sailing Championships](#)  
21 Sep 2012, Cardiff

[South Wales Branch AGM](#)  
26 Sep 2012, Cardiff

[Annual Business Lecture](#)  
9 Oct 2012, Cardiff

[Creating an Effective Image](#)  
24 Oct 2012, Cardiff

[No monkeying around](#)  
7 Nov 2012, Pembroke Dock


[Developing a High Performance Team](#)  
29 Nov 2012, Cardiff

[Christmas family event - From Silent Night to Slade](#)  
13 Dec 2012, Swansea

Networking Opportunities

[South Wales Branch on Twitter](#)

Follow the South Wales Branch on Twitter.



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# Membership Report

Membership secretary: Carl Allen

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## **The 2011/12 membership**

- 1455 members in our area.
- Only 2 - 3% of our membership regularly attend our events.
- Much greater response to national and Xmas events.
- BCS members can belong to up to 3 branches

## **The 2012/13 membership plan**

- Perform research on geographical split of members  
Identify any 'pockets' where we can hold events closer to them.
- Introduce a welcome message for the new members every month  
Explain our use of the website, Twitter, email etc.
- Personalised invitation's for new members first event.

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# BCS Member Groups Convention

Representative: Jeremy White

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- Each year we attend two conventions in London
- Typically one for branches and specialist groups and one for branches alone
- These enable us to
  - promote our branch and remind HQ that South Wales isn't far away
  - link up with other branches
  - hear the views, problems and solutions of other branches
  - understand the way BCS is changing
  - Put our views, sometimes quite firmly, to HQ staff
- Next Convention October 2012

# BCS in Wales

Representative: Beti Williams MBE, Chair BCS in Wales

- BCS in Wales
  - Established in 2009 to address the common Welsh interests of the three Welsh Branches of BCS
  - Combined voice to WG and other national bodies, influencing national policy
- Committee comprises 20 members, including
  - Chairs of the three branches:
    - Chester & North Wales: Garfield Southall; Mid Wales: Fred Long; South Wales: Mikhaila Burgess
  - Representation from industry & academia across wales
  - Representation from BCS in Wales specialist groups
    - Health Informatics Group
    - BCS Women in Wales Group
    - Universities Group

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# BCS in Wales

Representative: Beti Williams MBE, Chair BCS in Wales

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- Its current program of activities includes:-
  - Re vamp of the BCS in Wales web site
  - Making representations to the Welsh Government to ensure the BCS is consulted on all matters relating to the ICT industry in Wales
  - Working with the Welsh Government and Software Alliance Wales on the Digital Wales Conference in Feb 2013
- BCS in Wales is represented on the Welsh Government's Cross Party Advisory Group for Science and technology
- Full report to be made available on branch web site, with minutes of the AGM

# BCS Mid-Wales

Representative: Fred Long

- On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 BCS Mid-Wales became a full branch with its own budget
- Current elected chair - Fred Long
- During 2011–2012 the Branch held seven talks, a pub quiz and two “Show and Tell” events
  - one of the talks was joint with BCS Health in Wales
  - one of the talks was joint with BCS Women in Wales
- BCS Mid-Wales and BCS South Wales, with the IET jointly sponsored the **World Robotic Sailing Championships** held in Cardiff last week
  - Pic: Paul Bulmer (Vice Chair, BCS South Wales) presenting the award to representatives of USNA for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Sailbot class.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 BCS Mid-Wales is holding its AGM and “Turing Centenary Festival” in Aberystwyth



# Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Alan Boyce

## South Wales Branch

### Summary Financial Report 2011/2012

Note: The final accounts will be supplied from HQ next month so this includes estimates for invoices and expenses since July 2012.

		Allocation	Actual Spend	Under/Over Spend
<b>BMC Allocation</b>		<b>£5,458</b>	<b>£4,308</b>	<b>£1,150</b>
Breakdown of allocation	Travel/Subsistence	£611	£323	£288
	Postage	£11	£-	£11
	Room Hire	£1,351	£1,809	£458
	Speakers expenses	£245	£-	£245
	Catering	£1,790	£1,592	£198
	Publicity & Materials	£50	£233	£183
	Other Costs General	£-	£69	£69
	Student Prizes & Membership	£1,400	£640	£760
Special Projects - Student Prizes		£-	£-	£-
Christmas Lecture 2011		£-	£-	£-
BCS in Wales		£-	£-	£-

# Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Alan Boyce

## Branch Expenditure by Category

Category	Total
Travel/Subsistence	£322.59
Room Hire	£1,809.13
Catering	£1,592.12
Other Costs General	£302.55
Student Prizes & Membership	£640.00
Grand Total	<u>£4,666.39</u>



- Travel/Subsistence
- Room Hire
- Catering
- Other Costs General
- Student Prizes & Membership

# Election of Committee

Who	Branch Committee Role
Mikhaila Burgess	Chair
Alan Boyce	Treasurer
Jeremy White	Events Coordinator Member Groups Convention rep. Vice Chair
Carl Allen	Web Master & Membership secretary
Ralph Miller	Member
Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair
Fred Long	Mid Wales Branch Chair
John Tucker	Member
Position vacant	Secretary

Who	Roles
Beti Williams	BCS in Wales Chair
Helen Phillips	Cardiff University coordinator
Daniel Cunliffe	Glamorgan University coordinator
Andrew Bellamy	Newport University coordinator
Tom Crick	YPG Promoter & Cardiff Metropolitan University coordinator
John Morgan	Bridgend College coordinator
Rosemary Dale	Open University in Wales coordinator
Andrew Richards	Swansea University coordinator
Nigel Davies	Member

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# Any Other Business

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- No notifications received

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# Close

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The Committee would like to thank all the members for their support throughout the year

We would like to thank HQ for the support they provide

<http://www.bcs.org/>

<http://www.volunteer.bcs.org>

We would also like to thank Companies House, for hosting this AGM