

**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the 2003-2004 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
Thursday, 18th September 2003
County Hall, Cardiff**

116.3.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Richard David	Derek Smith
Ralph Miller (Sec)		

116.3.2 APOLOGIES

Tony Batchelor	Noel Cox	Steven Harvey (Treas)
Jason Mullins	Daniel Cunliffe	Jeremy White

116.3.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were approved and will be placed on the BCS web site

**Actions
JM**

116.3.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Event Evaluation forms. On going
Plaque and garden tree for Mrs Stuart. On going
Data Analysis and presentation. Ongoing
Problem of mail to those without email addresses. Ongoing
Welcome tables for Dec 2nd Event at CBS. Action to investigate at BCS HQ

**DC
JW
NC. TB
NC
JW, DS,
RRM
PB**

Chairman's letter to Ken Potter. Ongoing

116.3.5 – CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman would follow up a letter from Swansea University, which needed further information to fully understand.

PB

There was no other correspondence

116.3.6 - BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:

From the previous Meeting, the next BCS membership meeting is on the 23rd September. Interviews for membership currently being organised for September 26th.
Ralph had received, completed and returned his Assessor application form.
Nothing further to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

New system continues to operate satisfactorily. Branch Finances in good state. Paul enquired about invoice for three Prizes. Will enquire of Treasurer.

PB

Chairman's Report:

Nothing further to report

Branches Board/Council Reports:

Nothing to report

YPG:

Nothing to report

Schools:

No Officer in Post

116.3.7 2003/2004 Events Programme

Agreed with RD that the October 2004 meeting will still be held at Bridgend. A large turnout was expected for this presentation. Chair suggested a debate type of format between selected users of Unix and Microsoft. RM enquired about the possibility of future video links between our main University constituencies to enable wider coverage, especially to our student (potential) membership. Richard David would look into this for his October's Event

RD

RRM reported some activity on arrangements at the CBS for the December Meeting. He would progress next week. He had already received applications from a flyer put out in the IoD Newsletter

The committee suggested that the Jan presentation be held at Swansea. To be agreed with presenter and venue. JM reports this has been agreed in principle with just the detail to sort out.

JM

March presentation to be at Glamorgan University

DC

Alex suggested a presentation on a new visualisation project in Cardiff for the May AGM presentation.

AG

RD agreed to continue to progress a Unix versus Windows presentation for the Oct 2004 presentation.

RD

116.3.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business

116.3.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 4th at 18.00 hrs, at County Hall

Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
Wed 10 Sep 03	Derek Smith	<p>Title: Electronic Identity Speaker: Professor David Rippon From: Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College Venue: Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff Synopsis: In 2002, David Rippon chaired the BCS working group reviewing the government's consultation paper "Entitlement Cards and Identity Fraud". In this talk, he will summarise the key conclusions of this review, and suggest ways of minimising the risk of failure that apply to this specific project. Whether interested in the issue of entitlement cards per se, or in the project management, biometrics, identity fraud, or e-government aspects in general, this promises to be a fascinating and informative presentation.</p>	
8 Oct 03	Jeremy	<p>Title: Recruitment / Staffing talks. Speaker: Cath Possamai From: Best International Howard House Queens Avenue Bristol BS8 1SN Tel: 0117 9459000 Venue: Bridgend Synopsis:</p>	
Thu 13 Nov 03	Daniel	<p>Title: Culturenet Cymru - a showcase for Wales on the Web Speaker: Allison Coleman From: Venue: University Of Glamorgan Synopsis: Detailed synopsis to be confirmed.</p>	

Tue 2 Dec 03	Ralph Miller Derek Smith	<p>Title: The Role of the Chief Information Officer Speaker: Various - see synopsis From: Cardiff Business School Venue: Cardiff Business School Synopsis: The role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) has undergone considerable change in recent years in many organisations in both the private and public sectors.</p> <p>The changing nature of this role and how it can be managed to maximum advantage for the organisation will be debated by Phil Martin (Director of Information Services at Cardiff University and previously a CIO in industry) and Dr. David Grant (Vice-Chancellor (Chief Executive) of Cardiff University and previously a CEO in industry) at this joint meeting of the Cardiff Business School and the South Wales Branch of the British Computer Society (BCS).</p>	Directions etc to be added to web site for event.
Wed 14 Jan 04	Jason Mullins	<p>Title: INVESTOR Speaker: Luke Fielder From: NSC Ltd. Venue: Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff Synopsis: INVESTOR is focused on knowledge transfer of “best practice” Whole Life Costing and asset management techniques cross sector. It is sponsored by the DTI and has resulted in a tool set that has been employed to model both rail and water treatment assets. INVESTOR uses Monte-Carlo simulation techniques to predict asset failure and calculate business interruption costs. A feedback loop enables model correction and, ultimately, learning by comparing predictions with actual data.</p> <p>INVESTOR has been developed by a core collaboration led by Halliburton KBR which includes: Kalido – experts in Data Management Systems who have developed a leading 2nd generation data warehouse application; AMCL – specialists in asset management; NSC – specialising in advanced modelling and simulation techniques. Under the DTI ICT Carrier Programme, the collaboration team has partnered with asset manufacturers and asset owners to develop INVESTOR as a means of understanding and communicating asset behaviour in situ.</p> <p>The talk will outline the three fundamental parts making up the architecture of INVESTOR: the Kalido data warehouse, the simulation engine and visualisation of results.</p>	<p>Changed from War Simulation.</p> <p>Suggested that this be changed to Swansea. To be confirmed with speaker and venue.</p>
Feb	Tony Batchelor	<p>Title: Pro-Net Speaker: From: Atkins Venue: Atkins, Newport Synopsis:</p>	Project management aspect to be promoted.

Mar	Jeremy White	Title: Speaker: From: Venue: Glamorgan University Synopsis:	Bob Hall is the speaker contact.
April	Derek Smith	Title: Techniquet Speaker: From: Venue: Synopsis:	
May	Alex Gray	Title: Cardiff Visualisation Project Speaker: Nick Avis N.J.Avis@cs.cardiff.ac.uk From: Venue: AGM at Cardiff Synopsis:	Arrange for someone to contact him and give him the necessary information - time and venue for the meeting.
Oct 2004	Richard David	Title: Unix versus Windows Speaker: From: Venue: Bridgend Synopsis:	The concept of running this as a debate session was discussed and will be followed up by Richard