Minutes of the third meeting of the 2004-2005 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm
Wednesday, 7ᵗʰ April
County Hall, Cardiff

119.3.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Derek Smith (Notes)	Jeremy White
D Cunliffe	Richard David	Steve Wood

119.3.2 APOLOGIES

Stephen Harvey	Jason Mullins	Noel Cox (NC)
Ralph Miller (Sec)	Nathan Cooper (NPC)	

	Actions
119.3.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
These were approved, and passed for placing on the Web	**JM**

119.3.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

118.1.4
NPC to assist NC in Data Analysis and presentation – Ongoing
    NC and NPC

Branch Allocations were explained to the members present and the dissatisfaction at not being given former knowledge of budget cuts or any consultation with the branches. JW will raise this matter at the next branches congress meeting.
    JW

118.1.10
HQ had confirmed that Aberystwyth is included in our Branch area, and was accredited. Treasurer to budget for future prizes.
    SH

DC had made contact with the University via Frank Bott in the department of Computer Science. Frank is a Fellow of the BCS. Further discussions to follow to make arrangements for awards and discuss the future role of the University in the South Wales Brach.
    DC

119.2.6
Feed on the new Web site by the committee was positive. It was also noted that the URL is now much neater and more logical.

Projector has been purchased and was used at this committee meeting. The performance of the projector was agreed to be excellent and represented a very good purchase for the branch at £1,055. The projector is capable of operating at up to 1024 x 768 resolution that is now the normal requirement for presentations.

119.2.7
DS reported that the April Technoquest meeting had been cancelled.

119.2.8
At the last meeting RRM had reported on the Technocamp Project, based at Swansea U, in which primary School Children were being encouraged to participate in IT activities such as Animation, Game theory, and internet, by Students and staff at the University. RRM had held discussions with Betti Williams, the Organiser. Betti was to attend the committee meeting on 7ᵗʰ April and brief the committee on progress but the chair had received her apologies on this occasion but would endeavour to attend the next meeting
    PB

119.3.5 CORRESPONDENCE
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Next Branches Congress Date 21ˢᵗ April to be attended by JW and RRM. Any questions from the branch members should be directed to Congress via JW or RRM.	**JW, RRM**

RRM has been proposed to stand for Branches Committee.

Other correspondence had been forwarded to the committee by email. No questions raised.

119.3.6 BRANCH REPORTS
Membership Secretary's Report:

All assessors to consider whether they wish to stand for this committee position	**ALL**

JM had reported that he was now in possession of the new assessors guides.

WebMaster:
New web site working fine. AGM presentation to be added soon.

Treasurer's Report:

A report to be attached to these minutes.	**SH**

Chairman's Report:

Chairman to write his annual letter for inclusion on the web site. This is in preparation and will include an indication of current branch activities to focus on the issues relevant to computing in Wales.	**PB**

Branches Board/Council Reports:
No meeting in period

YPG:
Nothing further to report

Schools:
No Officer in Post

119.3.7 2003/2004 Events Programme

RRM to arrange with JM an email survey of member's interest in a Dec meeting with Families. Ongoing   **RRM**

PB reported on the March event. This had been a very interesting presentation with discussion amongst the few members who had attended continuing well after the completion of the official presentation. There had been heavy snow in many parts of South Wales on that evening which may have contributed to a low attendance. The chairman reported how he had only just managed to make it home through the snow.

SW had spoken to Business Eye who was happy to promote events on their web site. A discussion about the excellent networking opportunities of past events followed and it was agreed this aspect of events should also be promoted.

Future events to be promoted through Computer Weekly.   **SW**

DS pointed out how the web synopsis generally required further work before it could be used as a press release. It was asked how to best appeal to students. DC agreed to ask students at his University.   **DC**

The chairman requested that all events this side of Dec 2004 be progressed before the next meeting.   **All**

SW agreed to follow up his contacts with Swansea Technium with a view to a presentation on 13/4/2005.   **SW**

NB1 All to consider improving Networking Opportunities before or after the Event
NB2 All members to seek to assist in Event arrangements

119.3.8 CYMRU AR–LEIN

SW reported that this group is keen to obtain a presentation on the activities of the South Wales Branch and the BCS. He had spoken to Miranda Morton. JW suggested that the BCS HQ may be able to provide SW with the information he needs to address this request. HQ may even be able to provide a speaker. SW and JW to progress.   **SW/**
                                                                                          JW

119.3.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES

DC presented the many ideas he had on promoting the BCS in a way that focused on the region. Examples were the way the Welsh Assembly were promoting Broad Band in Wales, Discussion of Microsoft's support of Welsh in its Windows Operating System, greater use of the Welsh language on the Branches web sites, etc.

It was noted that a number of events had already been ran in this vain but possibly not promoted as well as could have been the case.

JW suggested hosting a comments page on the site and making the Chairman's Letter bi-lingual.

DC will follow up all these suggestions and call on others input as required.   **DC**

SW suggested starting a BCS Column on the website to address current issues and present comment from the committee. To be investigated.   **SW**

119.3.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES

PB ran through the current status of each of the Committee Guidance Notes – Update, where required, be sent to PB for publishing. **PB/ All**

PB will send out current documents with minutes. **PB**

PB to ask JM if the guides could be placed on a password protected part of the Branch Website. **PB**

119.3.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

119.3.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

ALL

Wednesday, 5th May (prepare AGM), 18.00 hrs, at County Hall. Additional topics to include proposal of membership for AGM.

Thursday 20th May, (AGM)

After this a new meeting Calendar will be arranged.

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
May 20th	Paul Bulmer	**Title:** Coupling high performance computing with large scale visualization **Speaker:** Nick Avis **From:** Cardiff University **Venue:** AGM at Cardiff **Synopsis:** An interactive problem solving environment that couples high performance computing with large scale visualizations. In such systems the end user can "steer" the numerical calculations and interactively visualize the results and change boundary conditions of the numerical simulations. The architecture of such systems will be presented (as a live demonstration) illustrating the capabilities and benefits of such systems. Remaining challenges will be revealed and how these present limitations are influencing activities and research within the Cardiff School of Computer Science and the Welsh e-Science Centre.	Alex has proposed this speaker from Cardiff University N.J.Avis@cs.cardiff.ac.uk
September 14th	Ralph Miller	**Title:** How I made my first million **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	Speaker from Bristol branch
October 13th	Richard David	**Title:** Unix versus Windows **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Bridgend **Synopsis:**	Could try the e-Academy training company in Cardiff
November 11th	Steve Wood	**Title:** Starting a Technology Company **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Pontypridd **Synopsis:**	
December 7th	Ralph Miller	**Title:** Protecting children on the Internet **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Techniquest **Synopsis:**	Start early, joint evening for members and their families. Test idea in eMail seeking members' views.
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January 12th	Jeremy White	**Title:** Lawful or awful - your company's data protection? **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Swansea **Synopsis:**	To approach Assistant Information Commissioner for Wales

February 12th	Daniel Cunliffe	**Title:** Information and computer crime **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Pontypridd **Synopsis:**	To approach visiting lecturer of staff member
March 8th	Jason Mullins	**Title:** War Games **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	
April 13th	Steve Wood	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Swansea **Synopsis:**	At the April 2004 meeting SW agreed to follow up his contacts with Swansea Technium with a view to a presentation on 13/4/2005.
May 12th		**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	
September		**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	