Minutes of the Seventh meeting of the 2005 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm
Wednesday, 5th October, 2005
County Hall
Cardiff

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132.7.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Derek Smith	John Hall
Ieuan Johns	Jason Mullins	Ralph Miller (Sec)
Richard David	Nigel Davies	
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132.7.2 APOLOGIES

Jeremy White	Steve Wood	Dave Edwards
Steve Harvey	Beti Williams	Max Davis

	Actions
132.7.3 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS The Chairman had received a report from Max Davis	
132.7.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The draft of the meeting of 13th Sept was approved, and passed for placing on the Web. The paragraph numbering was slightly in error, in that that meeting was not the 4th meeting , as indicated by the paragraph numbering, but the 6th.	**IJ**
132.7.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES **119.2.8** BW agreed to provide suggestions for future BCS Sponsorship. Betti reported several up-coming conferences to held at Swansea, eg Linux (4th –6th)August, Calco (Algebra) (6th-7th Sept), Theoretical Computing Science in 2006, Computability in Europe 2006. Beti suggested that some form of sponsorship in the form of conference bags, logos on programmes, etc would be beneficial. RRM to contact Sue Guy for suggestions.	**RRM**
123.6.7 November meeting with Cardiff Business School. Ralph had just heard that the speaker for this event had agreed. Date of 10th or 17th Nov to be agreed	**RRM**
British Quality Foundation logo now on BCS web. Jason to see if this can be incorporated into letterheads, etc- ongoing.	**JM**
Mike Stranks could however no longer make the 10th November PB to now propose a future meeting.	**PB**
Much discussion on Christmas event. DS now arranging the consciousness theme. See details in Events calendar.	**DS**
RD to tackle the constitutional Guidance – ongoing	**RD**
Beti Williams reported setting up of new IT Forum. Branch invited to have a representative. RRM to attend. Ongoing.	**RRM**
John Hall had suggested RFID as a possible future topic. To be discussed in future programme planning.	Contd.

132.7.5 Correspondence

Correspondence had all been circulated to committee by email. DE would be circulated with the item on Web site design. No other issues arising.

Ralph had had what appeared to be a Phishing email on his BCS email address. Would report to BCS.

132.7.6 BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:
Jason gave his new email address. Chair to amend Who's Who and circulate.   **PB**

Webmaster's Report
Ieuan Johns reported that he had now taken over the website and was ready to receive new information for publication.   **IJ**

Treasurer's Report:
Reported as being to plan.

Chairman's Report:
PB welcomed new members to the committee. Tony Cooper and Eric Llewellyn. Eric would like to be co-opted on to the committee until election time.

Branches Board/Council Reports:
Ralph nor Jeremy could attend the next Congress on 19th Oct. John Hall and Ieuan Johns may be able to attend, and Paul would contact Daniel   **PB**

YPG:
Max Davis had reported that he would be attending YPG congress at HQ 15th November   **MD**

Schools:
DE not present. RRM to ask DE for a note to be added to these minutes and to raise with him the correspondence he had received in respect of schools.   **RRM**

132.5.7 2005/2006 Events Programme

Please see the events planner attached to these minutes:

The October Event had been cancelled

The November Event was now to be given by Dr Paul Beynon–Davies, currently from Swansea School of European Management. The lecture was to be held at Cardiff Business School, Column Road, Cardiff, the date was the 10th or 17th November. The 10th Nov committee meeting would be changed to 17th, if necessary. BCS HQ would be invited, as the Ted Stuart Award would be presented. We would also try to make this the CBCS/BCS Annual Lecture.

There was much discussion of the December event to be held at Techniquest. Committee approved extra expenditure for technical support from Techniquest. Total planned Techniquest bill now £969.38

From the last meeting, BW had asked if the BCS would like to be involved in 'The 22nd British Colloquium for Theoretical Computer Science' (BCTCS), which will be held in Swansea from 4th to 7th April next year. If so we have a bit of time to work on the details.   **RM**

RM is circulating the branch publicity emails in JW's absence.   **RM**

131.4.8 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES
No further report

131.4.9 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES

No further update

131.4.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chair asked for name cards to be prepared for the next meeting, as there were several new members. **RRM**

ND reported on his attendance at the BCS Axios A star awards, a very satisfactory event, attended by Jane Davison AM.

Ralph had been given a CV for Mr Alan Jones, a relative of Rod Delamere, who was at one time an officer of this Branch in many roles and who helps us book the committee venue. It was agreed that the YPG might be interested in a careers project for students. Several members present gave helpful suggestions for him to follow up in gaining training for a new career in IT. These were passed back to Rod, by Ralph, for Alan to follow up

131.4.11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

November 17th

Currently, All meetings will be held at County Hall and will start at 6.oo pm

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2005			
November 17th Thurs	Ralph Miller	**Title:** ROI for IT **Speaker:** Paul Baynon-Davies **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff Business School **Synopsis:**	IT is not worth what it costs? Plan A is for Ralph to follow up initial proposal with Cardiff Business School. B is that John can provide a speaker on the same subject. C is that Derek makes the presentation D is that John organises a different topic of RF tagging. Agreed approach to be reached by end September. RM still no progress. JH still has contact but deadline fast approaching. **5/10/05** Speaker confirmed. Date to confirm. 10th is fallback date.
December Thurs 1st	Derek Smith	**Title:** Conscious Machines **Speaker:** Igor Aleksander **From:** ICL & Leverhulme Trust **Venue:** Techniquest **Synopsis:**	Ralph did help with copyright aspects but was unable to make any progress with the BBC on this. Will therefore abandon the use of a Dalek. Conference equipment needed for poster display. RM and SH to seek special funding for event. SW may also be able to make a small sponsorship from his own company.
2006			
January	Richard David	**Title:** RF Tagging **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	Richard to work with John on this. JH reported on an impressive visit to Bracknell to see this technology. ND has contact details for this topic.

February 16th	Jason Mullins	**Title:** Digital Photography **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Swansea **Synopsis:**	Joint Presentation with IEE on Digital Photography BW has booked the Robert Record room at Swansea for this event.
March	Jeremy White	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	
April 5th	Daniel Cunliffe	**Title:** Voice over IP **Speaker:** Peter Gradwell **From:** **Venue:** Glamorgan **Synopsis:**	Daniel in discussion with speaker.
May		**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	ND some ideas for this on website design for business
Spare	Stephen Wood		Sky, pod casting, other?
Spare	DC		Community networking
Spare	RD		Open source, Sun / MS convergence?
Spare	JH		Forensics
Joint presentation		Consider teaming up with other branches	ND / DC has some ideas and contacts.