

**Minutes of the ninth meeting of the 2005 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm
Thursday, 14th December 2005
At Robert Recorde Room
Faraday Building, Swansea University, Singleton Park
Swansea**

134.9.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Derek Smith	John Hall
Ieuan Johns	Jeremy White	Ralph Miller (Sec)
Richard David	Beti Williams	

134.9.2 APOLOGIES

Jason Mullins	Nigel Davies	Daniel Cunliffe
Steve Harvey (Committee sends best wishes to Steve and his family for Christmas and the new year)		

134.9.3 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS

An email had been received from Daniel Cunliffe, Steve Harvey and Jason Mullins attached to these minutes. **Actions**

134.9.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft of the meeting of 17th November was approved, and passed for placing on the Web. **IJ**

134.9.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (of meetings 5th Oct and 17th November)

119.2.8 Possible sponsorship of Swansea U Conferences. BW to suggest requirements, RRM to follow up with BCS **BW and RRM**

123.6.7 follow up BQF logo attached to our prototype s of our various stationery **IJ**

Arrange meeting with Mike Stranks, Branch mentor, at March or April Committee meetings **PB**

Constitutional Guidance Notes completed by Richard David. All to check and consult on any issues arising **All**

134.9.5 Correspondence

There was none reported.

133.8.6 BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:

No new items to report

Webmaster's Report

PB congratulated IJ's progress as our Webmaster.

JW to provide RSF feed to web for use with publicising events via Branch email **JW**

IJ to provide stats on Web site usage. IJ had installed the BCS prototype notice format for our event posters. **IJ**

Treasurer's Report:

Sponsorship monies from Cap Gemini and McAfee for events last year had been received. This would be added to our current funds. Our normal branch allocation was being spent according to target.

Chairman had purchase a new laptop, after discussion with BCS HQ

Chairman's Report:

Chairman's letter had been prepared and consultation with the committee carried out. Would now be placed on web and branch email. **IJ**

Branches Board/Council Reports:

John Hall and Ieuan Johns' full report was discussed. It will be circulated with these minutes. Next Congress to be held in B'ham, 5th April PB and RRM to attend. JH and IJ commended on their report. Agreed Ralph to stand again for committee. **JH and RRM**

YPG:

No further report

MD

Schools:

DE not present. No update had been received

RRM

133.8.7 2005/2006 Events Programme

Please see the events planner attached to these minutes:

There was much discussion of the December event held at Techniquet.

Committee congratulated DS on a terrific job. DS was seeking payment of sponsorship of UWIC. Passed over speaker's expenses for payment. Disappointing numbers of Children. RRM reported on analysis of non-attendees. Of 73 places booked only 38 were taken. Committee and other attended swelled the numbers in the Hall to 73, which was satisfactory. Of those who did not attend, most had been diverted by work. The traffic situation had discouraged others. Other lesser numbers were absent through sickness and other issues. A few had not responded The second email had raised proposed ticket numbers from 50 to 70+.

DS

In terms of suggested locations, Cardiff was of course the most popular for this event, but Aberystwith was suggested (PB to contact DE), and no complaints about other sites (Newport, Swansea, Bridgend, Glam)

One new BCS candidate, and a suggestion from one Lyndon Evans for a visit to BT's new centre in Cardiff. RRM to contact for possible October event.

PB/DE

PB to contact Wave radio regarding general advertising of our events Committee agreed to expenditure proposal of £1000 for next years budget. BW to supply figures on success of IT Wales advertising on Radio

RRM

From earlier meetings, 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.

**PB
BW**

From the Branches Congress, it was reported that the BCS 50th Jubilee would be celebrated with events. Actual dates to be announced. Gold events (large events such as the security conference in Birmingham) would receive funding.

**BW
RRM**

There was discussion regarding the accreditation of events for CPD and similar purposes. DS to enquire.

Please see events planner attached for further detail

133.8.8 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES

No further report

133.8.9 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES

Committee to read new Guidance Notes

All

133.8.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

133.8.11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

2nd February, 2006. 6.00pm at Cardiff County Hall

21st March 2006. 6.00pm at Cardiff County Hall

Appendix 1

2006			
February 16th	Jason Mullins	<p>Title: " How Digital Imaging has revolutionized Photography" Speaker: David Lewis From: Bridgend College Venue: Swansea University - Faraday Lecture Theatre (old Esso theatre) Synopsis:</p>	<p>Joint Presentation with IEE on Digital Photography</p> <p>BW had booked the Robert Record room at Swansea for this event. Will consider if this should still be kept for refreshments.</p>
March Tue 14th	Jeremy White	<p>Title: IT in extreme environments Speaker: Jeremy White From: Hampshire Scout Expeditions Venue: Newport</p> <p>SYNOPSIS In autumn 2005 Jeremy White packed up his laptop and travelled to Tibet where he organised the base camp for an expedition to the world's sixth highest peak. His talk explores the ups and downs of trying to use computers for managing an expedition, keeping a library of photographs, staying in touch with home and keeping the team entertained. There's practical advice for travellers anywhere as well as lessons for IT pros.</p> <p>He might even show a few of his "Holiday snaps".</p>	
April 5th	Daniel Cunliffe	<p>Title: Voice over IP Speaker: Peter Gradwell From: Gradwell dot com Limited Venue: Uni of Glamorgan, Treforest</p> <p>SYNOPSIS Peter Gradwell is Managing Director of Gradwell dot com Limited, an Internet Service Provider he started in 1998 during the second year of his undergraduate degree in Software Engineering. In 2004, he converted his company phone system and is now one of the leading providers of VoIP services in the UK.</p> <p>Starting from when we lift the receiver, Peter will follow a phone call across the public telecoms network and onto the internet, discussing the different types of VoIP available, the issues that surround implementing them, including phone number provision, call quality, firewalling VoIP, identifying the location of a VoIP subscriber and connecting a 999 call.</p>	<p>Daniel in discussion with speaker. Now confirmed and on details website.</p>
Wed May 24th (tbc)	Nigel Davies	<p>Title: Providing inspiration & creativity in website design + AGM Speaker: Adrian Garcia-Sierra</p>	<p>ND some ideas for this on website design for business Speaker would be</p>

		<p>From: Brazil Design, Cardiff Venue: Trevithick Lecture Theatre? Cardiff Uni</p> <p>Synopsis: Dr Adrian Garcia-Sierra is a Director of Brazil Design Ltd, one of the region's leading marketing and communications agencies formed in 1994. Adrian joined Brazil almost 5 years ago having gained one of the world's first doctorates in e-commerce from Cardiff University (during which time he addressed the BCS South Wales Branch) and thereafter having been an eBusiness Consultant.</p> <p>Adrian will discuss the huge importance websites have come to play in many walks of life, and how design is thus crucial for interaction. He will consider business-oriented, consumer-oriented and other sites, female/male perspectives, W3C and RNIB initiatives, all aimed at improving our lives.</p>	<p>Adrian Garcia-Sierra (former S Wales branch YPG rep).</p> <p>ND now confirmed this with speaker and provided details for web site.</p> <p>Need to still confirm room bookings?</p>
September 19th	John Hall	<p>Title: Informing HealthCare Speaker: From: Venue: Trevithick Lecture Theatre? Cardiff Uni Synopsis:</p>	John has asked Glyn to give a presentation about Informing HealthCare to our branch based on a presentation to the North Wales branch last year.
October 11th		Visit to BT Cardiff	
November 9th			
December			

Spare	Stephen Wood		Sky, pod casting, other?
Spare	DC		Community networking
Spare	Richard David		<p>Open source, Sun / MS convergence? Emrice? Jones Won a prize in western mail for inovative software design.</p> <p>E Jones, CGram Software, Derwen House, Swansea SA20HY Tel No 01792 518000</p>
Spare	JH		Forensics
Spare			
Joint presentation		Consider teaming up with other branches	ND / DC has some ideas and contacts. [One of these was to share the April '06 speaker – who is speaking at another branch in Feb '06]