Minutes of the first meeting of the 2006 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm Thursday, 2nd February 2006
At County Hall
Cardiff

135.1.0 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Derek Smith	John Hall
Ieuan Johns	Jeremy White	Ralph Miller (Sec)
Tony Corner	Beti Williams	Max Davis
Jason Mullins	.	

135.1.1 APOLOGIES

Eric Llewellyn	Nigel Davies	Daniel Cunliffe
Steve Harvey	David Edwards	

	Actions
135.1.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS The Treasurer's notes are included in his report contained below. DC reported still looking for welsh language translator.	
135.1.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The draft of the meeting of 14th Dec was approved, and passed for placing on the Web. However, correction should be made to the Treasurer's report: the Reserve account is at £5k, not £5. The Web master's report should also be corrected to change DSF to RSS.	IJ
135.1.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 119.2.8 Possible sponsorship of Swansea U Conferences. BW reported on the 22nd British Colloquium for Theoretical Computer Science (BCTCS). To be held April 4th at Swansea. The Event poster already included badging from BCS FACS. The event would be included on our Website. Sponsorship was discussed. It was agreed this would be included in the budgetary discussions to be held at the next Committee meeting, as would Beti's suggestion of an annual BCS lecture to be held at Swansea U.	IJ
123.6.7 follow up BQF logo attached to our prototype s of our various stationary	IJ
Arrange meeting with Mike Stranks, Branch mentor. As an early meeting could not be arranged, attempts would be made for later in the year, possibly Autumn.	PB
Constitutional Guidance Notes. PB to review current status of Guidelines. These are to be found on the Branch secure area. If there are any changes to location details, please report them to Paul.	All
135.1.5 CORRESPONDENSE DS reported on the note from BCSHQ regarding placing of announcements on Branch events. Deadlines and follow up content for notice of events should be given within specified deadlines for inclusion in the Press, on the web and in BCS lists.	DS, JW and IJ
RRM had received a request from the Branches Committee on the project to provide BCS HQ funded support. The paper is attached: Committee agreed to let RRM know of any further ideas, comments, and suggestions within two weeks of the publication of these minutes.	ALL
135.1.6 BRANCH REPORTS **Membership Secretary's Report:** JM reported that there was a possible assessment meeting in Bristol. RRM reported he had received new Assessor's Guidelines.	

Webmaster's Report	
IJ reported some difficulties in distributing web details on events. This could be down to firewall conditions at the server. No other problems reported.	**JW**
JW to provide RSS feed to web for use with publicising events via Branch email.	**IJ**
IJ is about to provide statistics on Web site usage using Free facilities.	
Treasurer's Report:	
Current Account stands at £638, awaiting possible UWIC sponsorship for Techniquest event. Reserve account stands at £3203 following laptop expenditure.	**DS**
Chairman's Report:	
Nothing further to report. Would start budget preparations for next meeting.	**IJ**
Branches Board/Council Reports:	
The project report on assistance to Branch Committees was discussed under Correspondence above. PB and RRM would attend Branches Congress.	**PB and RRM**
YPG:	
MD reported on the possible spread of skill centres to outside of London. Proposals would be arriving soon. Following discussion it was agreed that the Branch would support this initiative as much as possible, especially considering the number of Universities within its area, represented on the Committee.	**MD**
Schools:	
DE not present. No update had been received. RRM to contact DE.	**RRM**

135.1.7 2005/2006 Events Programme

Please see the events planner attached to these minutes:

NB AGM, May 24th .	**RRM**
RRM had contacted Lyndon Evans of BT for a visit to BT's new centre in Cardiff for October Event.	**RRM**
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.	**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. There was discussion regarding the accreditation of events for CPD and similar purposes. DS to enquire.	**DS**
JW was investigating possible linkages for publicity and appropriate audiences for "his" Event on using PCs in extreme environments.	**JW**
RRM was contacting Prof North of Cardiff U re. Nov/Dec "business " related event.	**RRM**

135.1.8 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES

See notes form absent members, above.	**DC**

135.1.9 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES

See Matters Arising, above.	**All**

135.1.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RRM reported that the person who arranges our room at County Hall, Rod Delamere, was a firm supporter, having been a founder member of the Branch and held most officer posts in the Branch. He would be retiring in about a year. There were some 200 staff in IT at the County. It might be useful to hold a meeting before a Committee Meeting one evening, as a possible recruitment opportunity and as a thank you to Ron. PB suggested this could be included in the budget discussion at the next meeting.	**PB and RRM**

135.1.11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

21st March 2006. 6.00pm at Cardiff County Hall
4th April 2006. 6.00 at Swansea U. BW please to arrange room   **BW**

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2006			
February 16th	Jason Mullins	**Title:** " How Digital Imaging has revolutionized Photography" **Speaker:** David Lewis **From:** Bridgend College **Venue:** Swansea University - Faraday Lecture Theater (old Esso theater) **Synopsis:**	Joint Presentation with IEE on Digital Photography BW had booked the Robert Record room at Swansea for this event. Will consider if this should still be kept for refreshments.
March Tue 14th	Jeremy White	**Title:** IT in extreme environments **Speaker:** Jeremy White **From:** Hampshire Scout Expeditions **Venue:** Newport **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. He might even show a few of his "Holiday snaps".	
April 5th	Daniel Cunliffe	**Title:** Voice over IP **Speaker:** Peter Gradwell **From:** Gradwell dot com Limited **Venue**: Uni of Glamorgan, Treforest **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. Starting from when we lift the receiver, Peter will follow a phone call across the public telecommunications 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.	Daniel in discussion with speaker. Now confirmed and on details website.

Wed May 24th (tbc)	Nigel Davies	**Title:** Providing inspiration & creativity in website design + AGM **Speaker:** Adrian Garcia-Sierra **From:** Brazil Design, Cardiff **Venue:** Trevithick Lecture Theater? 　　　Cardiff Uni **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 e business Consultant. 　　　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.	ND some ideas for this on website design for business Speaker would be Adrian Garcia-Sierra (former S Wales branch YPG rep). ND now confirmed this with speaker and provided details for web site. Need to still confirm room bookings?
September 19th	John Hall	**Title:** Informing Health Care **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Trevithick Lecture Theater? 　　　Cardiff Uni **Synopsis:**	John has asked Glyn to give a presentation about Informing Health Care to our branch based on a presentation to the North Wales branch last year.
October 11th	Ralph Miller	Visit to BT Cardiff	
November 9th	Ralph Miller	Prof North from Cardiff on organisational Change	
December	Derek / Jeremy	Formula 1 racing?	
Jan	Stephen Wood		Sky, pod casting, Skype other?
Feb	DC		Community networking
Mar	Richard David		Open source, Sun / MS convergence? Emrice? Jones Won a prize in western mail for innovative software design. E Jones, CGram Software, Derwen House, Swansea SA20HY Tel No 01792 518000
Apr	JH / ELl		Computer Forensics
May	ND?	Identity cards, biometrics, pass ports and personal freedom.	PB to ask ND if he would be interested in fronting this?
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]