

**Minutes of the third meeting of the 2006 Session of the  
Committee of the South Wales Branch  
6.00pm Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
At Robert Recorde Room  
Swansea University**

**137.3.0 PRESENT**

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Beti Williams	Jason Mullins
Ralph Miller (sec)	Jeremy White	

In attendance : Professor J Tucker  
Swansea University

**137.3.1 APOLOGIES**

Derek Smith	Nigel Davies	Daniel Cunliffe
Steve Harvey	David Edwards	Ieuan Johns
Eric Llewellyn	John Hall	

**137.3.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS**

DS reported that he had tried the CW advert route. He had not been lucky, even for the AGM, though 8 weeks ahead. He would try 12 weeks ahead. They also want their own format, DS in liason with IJ, at the time the event was first put on the Web.  
Regarding the Jubilee events DS felt machine conciousness was going to be target subject for rthe next 50 years. He suggests that getting Systems people “up to speed with the philosophical jargon” is a major barrier. Could he offer some sort of “Jargon Busting Workshop”. See Events Plan. PB

ND suggested some extra people to provide displays around the AGM meeting: Gordon Plant for mini-clinic on Website useability; someone from the Cardiff 360Website, a geographical aspect of location/tourist services. This was agreed. RRM to confirm exact room location for AGM. This had already been booked.It was the new wing of Computer Engineering, not the Trevithick suite RRM  
ND also suggested for a BT Principle Consultant on introduction of ID cards. See Events planner. PB

**137.3.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The draft of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006 was approved for placing on the web. IJ

**137.3.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

119.2.8 Swansea University invoice to be provided for payment for luncheon at BCTCS. BW had asked for this to be done and would check. BW

PB to 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. MS had not been at the Branches Congress. The position had been made known to Sue Guy P

**137.3.5 CORRESPONDENCE**

Jason had received an email from HQ regarding a new Working Party on IT. JM to follow up. JM

RRM thanked the committee for their support for the elections at Branches Congress. Sue Guy had notified the results.

Richard David had offered to look at what was involved with this role.  
RRM had asked Sue Guy to send Richard details of BCS activities in schools

**RD,  
RRM**

### **137.3.6 BRANCH REPORTS**

#### **Membership Secretary's Report:**

At a recent IT Wales/Colloquium of Theoretical Computer Science event held at Swansea University, it appeared that the Institute of Analysts and Programmers was gaining popularity amongst IT practitioners.

#### **Webmaster's Report**

Minutes and events plan to be brought up to date on Web  
IJ will provide statistics at future meetings on Web site usage -ongoing.

**IJ  
IJ**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

PB had attended the Finance workshop at Congress. Nothing new to report there. Repeated request to keep reserves down, which we were. We had £108 in current and £3203 in reserve accounts All to send in any outstanding expenses and invoices asap before the end of Financial Year (20/04/06)

**All**

#### **Chairman's Report:**

Nothing further to add

#### **Branches Board/Council Reports:**

PB and RRM attended Branches Congress. RRM elected to BMC and Council. PB reported on Financial group and RM on Publicity Group they attended. Notes from Publicity Group to be kept for DS

**RRM**

#### **YPG:**

Nothing reported

#### **Schools:**

See under Correspondence above

**RRM  
RD**

### **137.3.7 2005/2006 Events Programme**

Please see the events planner attached to these minutes:

NB AGM, May 24<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Cardiff University.

**R**

RRM had contacted Lyndon Evans of BT for a visit to BT's new centre in Cardiff for October Event. This was still looking good. RRM to continue to arrange visit for about 20, plus, if possible a presentation by management on the centre/BT business or similar. Once details of the event were agreed then attendance would be by registration in order to control numbers to those agreed with BT. Ongoing

**R**

RRM to seek further information regarding a potential recruitment session at County Hall and thank you to Ron Delamere, our contact there. Ongoing

**RRM**

From the Branches Congress, it was reported that the BCS 50<sup>th</sup> 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**

RRM had contacted new Cardiff UBS Contact re. Nov/Dec "business " related event.  
Ongoing

**RRM**

Much discussion, with major contribution from Prof. Tucker, on Christmas Lecture at  
Swansea Waterfront Museum. BW to liaise with DS

**BW/DS**

**137.3.8 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES**

See n No further report.

**137.3.9 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES**

See n No further report

**137.3.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none

**137.3.11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

A committee meeting to finalise arrangements for AGM to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May at Cardiff. All  
details of events to be provided for web to show by AGM

**ALL**

NB May 24<sup>th</sup> for AGM

**All**

## Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
<b>2006</b>			
April 5th	Daniel Cunliffe	<p><b>Title:</b> Voice over IP  <b>Speaker:</b> Peter Gradwell  <b>From:</b> Gradwell dot com Limited  <b>Venue:</b> Uni of Glamorgan, Treforest</p> <p><b>Synopsis:</b> 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 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.</p>	<p>Daniel in discussion with speaker.  Now confirmed and on details website.</p> <p>PB to contact and confirm.</p>
Wed May 24th (tbc)	Nigel Davies	<p><b>Title:</b> Providing inspiration &amp; creativity in website design + AGM  <b>Speaker:</b> Adrian Garcia-Sierra  <b>From:</b> Brazil Design, Cardiff  <b>Venue:</b> New east wing  Cardiff Uni</p> <p><b>Synopsis:</b> 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.</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>ND some ideas for this on website design for business  Speaker would be 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> <p>PB to Phone ND to confirm position.</p>
September 19th	John Hall	<p><b>Title:</b> Informing Health Care  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Gwyn Thomas  <b>From:</b> Director Informing Health Care  <b>Venue:</b> Trevithick Lecture Theater?  Cardiff Uni</p> <p><b>Synopsis:</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>JH to ask for a synopsis.</p>

October 11th	Ralph Miller	Visit to BT Cardiff Contact is Lyndon Evans	Ralph will see what can be done for a party of 20.
November 9th	Ralph Miller	Prof North from Cardiff on organisational Change	RRM now has a new contact to follow up.
December	Derek / Betti		Consider using Swansea in place of Techniquet for a change of venue? BW looked at Waterfront as a venue. Include school parties during day. Interactive technologies on display. Evening presentation on cybernetics. Possible junior version during the day.
January	Jeremy	Formula 1 racing.	Not now appropriate for December. Could move to Jan?  BW to consider options for December.  Venue to be identified.
Feb	DC		Community networking
Mar	Richard David	Venue?	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 / ELI	Newport?	Computer Forensics
May	ND?	Identity cards, biometrics, pass ports and personal freedom.	PB to ask ND if he would be interested in fronting this?
Sept	Stephen Wood		Sky, pod casting, Skype other?  PB contact SW?
Oct	BW	Annual BCS Swansea lecture	This would be the first of a series of at least three.  Internet governance debate could be a good topic. Possibly full day event.

Joint presentation		Consider teaming up with other branches	<p>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]</p> <p>What about making this the Newport Event? JH.</p>
		Think about another presentation around photography?	