

**Minutes of the Eighth meeting of the 2006 Session of the  
Committee of the South Wales Branch  
6.00 pm November 2006  
County Hall  
Cardiff**

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**142.8.0 PRESENT**

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Richard David	Derek Smith
Ralph Miller (sec)	Jeremy White	Beti Williams
Daniel Cunliffe	Eric Llewellyn	Nigel Davies

**114.1. Apologies**

Steve Harvey	Jason Mullins	Max Davis
Ieuan Johns		

**142.8.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS**

**Actions**

A report was received from Max Davis, YPG Coordinator, coincident with the meeting: Most important, he and his wife are expecting a baby in early May! Gongrats from the Committee!! He has attempted email contact with YPG chair but no response. Also waiting from other ypg Exec members about setting up an event. Estimates for topic speakers are £1000-£1500. Money regained via large capacity attendances. Look at <http://www.ypg.bcs.org/events/skillcentre/> for further info. Ralph to forward bid from Edinburgh.

RRM

**141.7.3 WELCOME**

Christine Williams of IT Wales was welcomed to the meeting. She updated the Committee on progress with the December, Christmas, meeting at the New Waterfront Museum, Swansea.

**142.8.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

DS noted that the draft minutes showed he was absent from the meeting which is incorrect. The draft of the meeting of October 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 was then approved for placing on the web once this correction was made.

IJ

**142.8.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

JM to follow up on BCS Working Party for IT – Ongoing  
RD Had now received contact details for the item on the Schools challenge (actually a University Challenge) and other schools items on the website from RM. RM to send contact details to Beti  
RD had not been able to get details from Bridgend College of possible contact . PB continuing - Ongoing.  
Paul had contacted BCS HQ regarding holding a Branches Congress in Cardiff. Ralph to follow up at BMC.  
JW had produced the slide display - Item closed.  
Paul had distributed HQ media contact guidelines. Item on agenda

JM

RM

PB

RRM

**142.8.6 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence.

**142.8.7 BRANCH REPORTS**

**Membership Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report

**Web master's Report**

IJ on holiday, nothing to report

All

**Treasurer's Report:**

Paul and Steve are now estimating a break-even year ( using the estimating parts of their brains, of course!)

**Chairman's Report:**

With great pleasure, Paul reported that Beti had been the winner of the "Best Woman in Technology in Academia and the Public Sector- Blackberry Award". The contest was of a very high standard indeed. Deputy President Rachel Burnett had sent her congratulations, as did the whole of the Committee. Rachel Burnett had also reported that 4 awards in total had been picked up by BCS members. Well done to all.

**Branches Board/Council Reports:**

Ralph reported that we had been granted funding for University Undergraduate Prizes to cover all our currently affiliated Higher Education establishments( 6) to give a winner's prize and two runners up in each case, except OU, with a winner only.

**PB****YPG:**

Max's report is above, under absent members report (142.8.2)

**MD****Schools:**

Nothing further to report.

**Universities:**

RRM reported that no entries had been submitted for the Lovelace Medal and the Needham Award – both highly prestigious research awards. A reminder to be sent.

**RRM****142.8.8 2005/2006 Events Programme**

Please see the events planner attached. Major discussion ensued re: the DEC 6<sup>th</sup> evening Event at Swansea. Very few seats left for our guests, so book via IT Wales earliest.

**All**

BCS Pamphlets relating to schools and any other relevant material for inclusion in information packs to be delivered to BW before the end of November.

**IJ**

All other events up to March 2007 reported as confirmed. Full details to be added to the web site.

**IJ****142.8.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES**

Nothing further to report.

**DC****142.8.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES**

The media guidance notes from HQ were agreed for adding to the website guidance notes. However, it was agreed that further discussion is needed as we do not have arrangements for speakers on potential specific topics.

**All**

The guidance notes for presentations had been updated by PB and circulated. It was suggested that any committee business should be held over to the end of presentations so as to maximise time for circulating with the membership over the buffet. PB to add this to the guidance.

**PB**

Any other feedback to PB before the end of the year.

**All****142.8.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JW reported that contact had been made with the Statisticians and Operational Researchers at the National Statistical Office in Newport. Agreed that we discuss a joint meeting with them, probably in Newport at a future Committee meeting.

The annual joint meeting with a Business School (Cardiff has been the venue for three years) was discussed. Agreed to consider discussing possibilities of involving other Business Schools.

**RRM**

The Committee would prepare the scoring for the last three meetings ( and any other suitable events in the mean while) for the next meeting.

**ALL****142.8.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Tuesday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> at Swansea. RRM to contact Beti with arrangements.

**ALL**

## Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
<b>2006</b>			
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Jeremy White	<b>Title:</b> IT in extreme environments presentation <b>Speaker:</b> Jeremy White <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> Aberystwth <b>Synopsis:</b> As before.	Repeat the IT in extreme environments presentation in the west of the branch.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	Derek / Betti	<b>Title:</b> Upgrading Humans <b>Speaker:</b> Kevin Warwick <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> Waterfront Museum, Swansea <b>Synopsis:</b>  Business breakfast 10:30 Schools Doctor who interactive presentation Interactive zones within the museum Derrick's brain Full day of events Interactive calculator Competitions Career Wales IT Wales stand Evening start at 6pm 7pm lecture start finish at 8pm doors close at 9pm	Swansea Water Front will now be used in place of Techniquest for a change of venue.  The topic 'Future Interactive Technologies'. By Kevin Warwick has been arranged.  Other supporting events are being organised.  The event will run both in the day and again on the evening.  BW to provide full details to IJ for posting on the web.  BW gave a detailed update on event at the October meeting.  Supporting side shows to be communicated to BW by All.  Details to be supplied by BW to IJ for website.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	Nigel Davies	<b>Title:</b> TV in your computer <b>Speaker:</b> Gordon Plant <b>From:</b> User Analytics + Wales Usability Forum <b>Venue:</b> University College, Cardiff <b>Synopsis:</b>	Proposed additional event for December. At the AGM, one of the side room presenters, Gordon Plant, requested the opportunity to be able to respond to some of the issues raised by the main speaker, Dr Adrian G-S  ND to propose further details. For example a proposed date, expected attendance so that we could trim the buffet to match, etc.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2007	Jeremy	<b>Title:</b> Formula 1 racing <b>Speaker:</b> Chris Laws <b>From:</b> McLaren formula one <b>Venue:</b> J Block, University of Glamorgan <b>Synopsis:</b> Chris Laws is one of McLaren Racing's vehicle dynamics engineers. For Chris, computers that work at 200mph while being baked and shaken are just as normal as CAD and simulation systems in an air-conditioned office. Chris will explain how computers help make the race, the	Most planning now in place and on the web.

		team and the business a success. He'll talk about the importance of effective in-car, trackside, design and simulation systems.	
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2007	DC	<b>Title:</b> Community networking <b>Speaker:</b> <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> Room 3.07, New Building, Computer Science Department, Cardiff University <b>Synopsis:</b>	Speaker details and venue still to be confirmed.
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2007	Richard David	<b>Title:</b> Open source, Sun / MS convergence <b>Speaker:</b> E Jones, <b>From:</b> CGram Software, <b>Venue:</b> Faraday Lecture Theatre (Formerly Esso Theatre), University of Wales Swansea <b>Synopsis:</b>	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  Confirmation and synopsis still required.
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2007	ND / EL (Venue)	<b>Title:</b> Identity Theft <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Iain Sutherland <b>From:</b> University of Glamorgan <b>Venue:</b> Newport <b>Synopsis:</b>	This was changed from Computer Forensics to Identity theft at the request of ND in September. Computer Forensics moved to later in the program (Sept 07).  To be a joint presentation with Information Security Specialist Group (ISSG). ND has plans for this.
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2007	PB	<b>Title:</b> Photography <b>Speaker:</b> Mr David Lewis, <b>From:</b> Bridgend College <b>Venue:</b> Faraday Lecture Theatre (Formerly Esso Theatre), University of Wales Swansea <b>Synopsis:</b>	Joint presentation with IET
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2007 (AGM)	ND / JH (Venue)	<b>Title:</b> The Future of Communications <b>Speaker:</b> Graham Whitehead, Futurologist <b>From:</b> BT Labs, Martlesham <b>Venue:</b> Senedd building, Cardiff Bay <b>Synopsis:</b>	PB to ask ND if he would be interested in fronting this?  ND agreed to this at the May committee meeting and will now progress this event.  Event to be in co-operation with IRMA.
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2007	Stephen Wood	<b>Title:</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> <b>Synopsis:</b>	Sky, pod casting, Skype other?  PB had no response yet from SW so this event now looks in doubt. PB still to confirm with SW but alternative event now being planned for September. See next entry.

Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2007	JH / EL	<b>Title:</b> Computer Forensics <b>Speaker:</b> <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> Newport <b>Synopsis:</b>	Computer Forensics  ND suggested that: one of the UWCN contacts (or John Hall?) contact the ISSG to find out whether they would like to collaborate on event. Daniel invite Prof Neil Barratt (visiting lecturer to Uni of Glamorgan) to this event or if he could not make it are there alternative suggestions
Joint presentation		<b>Title:</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> <b>Synopsis:</b> 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]  What about making this the Newport Event? JH.
Oct 2007			
Nov 2007	Beti Williams	<b>Title:</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>From:</b> <b>Venue:</b> <b>Synopsis:</b> BCS event at Swansea?	Betu would like to develop a high profile event that would become a regular BCS event at Swansea. This would be the first of these. Betu is currently considering a number of possible topics for this.
Dec 2007			