Minutes of the First meeting of the 2007 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm January 16th 2007
Robert Recorde Room
Swansea University

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143.1.0 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Richard David	Jason Mullins
Ralph Miller (sec)	Jeremy White	Beti Williams
John Tucker	Ieuan Johns	

143.1.1 APOLOGIES

Steve Harvey	Nigel Davies	Max Davis
Daniel Cunliffe	Derek Smith	John Hall

	Actions
143.1.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS None received. Absent member are reminded that a report should always be submitted when ever possible.	**All**
143.1.3 WELCOME Gareth O'Gorman was welcomed to the committee meeting. It was hoped that he would continue to attend and become a member, with a specific interest in the YPG, with Max Davis.	
143.1.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The draft of the meeting of 16th November 2006 was approved for placing on the web. A correction to be made that John Hall was present	**IJ**
143.1.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES JM continuing to follow up on BCS Working Party for IT – Ongoing	**JM**
RD had not been able to get details from Bridgend College of possible contact . PB continuing – and Gareth O'Gorman to follow up his contacts - Ongoing.	**PB, GO'G**
Paul had contacted BCS HQ regarding holding a Branches Congress in Cardiff. Ralph followed up at BMC.- Done	
Paul had distributed HQ media contact guidelines. Guidelines to be updated.	**PB**
Ralph had sent a reminder on the Roger Needham Prize, but there had been no response. Closed	
Still to include a meeting with the Newport Statisticians and Operations researchers in the Events Plan	**All**
Paul to contact Cardiff County Head of IT to arrange group recruitment evening	**PB**
143.1.6 CORRESPONDENCE There was no further correspondence.	
143.1.7 BRANCH REPORTS **Membership Secretary's Report:** Jason reported new process for professional interviews at Swindon(mostly by telephone)	

Web master's Report
IJ showed display of website usage. Steady growth could be seen on the graph he presented.

Treasurer's Report:
Future special funding for 50th Anniversary activities will probably be required.

Chairman's Report:
No further report. However, Paul wondered if Members' attendances were really affected by the location of the meeting. He will discuss any difficulties with them and also see if a venue just off the motorway could be used.
PB

Branches Board/Council Reports:
There appeared to be a possibility that the Branches resource project would be revitalised. Ralph was attending first council the following day.
RRM

YPG:
No further report. It is hoped that Max and Gareth can work together on the Skills Centre project. RRM to coordinate
GO'G
MD
RRM

Schools:
Nothing further to report.

Universities:
Ralph had full response from Universities for their meeting on April 4th at Glamorgan. An agenda would now be circulated.
RRM

143.1.8 2005/2006 Events Programme
Scoring took place on the recent events, for the Ted Stuart Award. Those Members who were not here today are asked to forward to Ralph scores for any events they attended. They scores would then be related to Daniel's feed back scores.
All

The events planner was updated.

143.1.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES
Nothing further to report.
DC

143.1.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES
No further discussion at this meeting, but continued updating by Paul.
PB

143.1.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
The annual joint meeting with a Business School (Cardiff has been the venue for three years) was discussed. Agreed Beti to discuss with Cardiff the possibilities of involving other Business Schools in an event at Swansea Business school for our November Event.
BW

Ralph brought examples of other Branches using the 50th Logo and also the Scottish Branch using the branding 'BCS in Scotland ' Perhaps Derek could look into these. Ralph to discuss with Derek.
RM/DS

Ralph asked which of our events was going to be chosen to be our 50th anniversary event, or were we to develop something special? John Tucker suggested that we could develop an ongoing project in which people could express their experience of the history of the development of Computing in South Wales. There was considerable interest in this suggestion, and discussion. Paul would develop an invitation for our members to do this on our Branch email, and for the Web. Jeremy would contact Noel Cox and Ralph to contact Rod Delamere, as original Branch members to see what suggestions they might have.
PB, JW
RRM

143.1.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

21st Feb 2007 at Cardiff County Hall.
ALL

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2007			
Thur 8th Feb 2007	DC	**Title:** Community networking **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Room 3.07, New Building, Computer Science Department, Cardiff University **Synopsis:**	Speaker details and venue still to be confirmed.
Tue 6th Mar 2007	Richard David	**Title:** Open source, Sun / MS convergence **Speaker:** E Jones, **From:** CGram Software, **Venue:** Robert Record), University of Wales Swansea **Synopsis:**	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. Looking to m erge with IT Wales. BW
Wed 4th Apr 2007	ND / EL (Venue)	**Title:** Identity Theft **Speaker:** Dr Iain Sutherland **From:** University of Glamorgan **Venue:** Newport **Synopsis:**	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 17th May 2007	PB	**Title:** Photography **Speaker:** Mr David Lewis, **From:** Bridgend College **Venue:** Faraday Lecture Theatre (Formerly Esso Theatre), University of Wales Swansea **Synopsis:**	Joint presentation with IET. Paul Davies and B Williams to collaborate on room bookings and buffet requirements.
Thur 24th May 2007 (AGM)	ND / JH (Venue)	**Title:** The Future of Communications **Speaker:** Graham Whitehead, Futurologist **From:** BT Labs, Martlesham **Venue:** Senedd building, Cardiff Bay **Synopsis:**	Event to be in co-operation with IRMA.
			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.
Joint presentation	JH / EL	**Title:** Computer Forensics **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Newport **Synopsis:**	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 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.
Sept 2007	RM	**Title:** Repeat of BT data centre **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	
Oct	JT	**Title:** 50th anniversary event Something historical? **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	Photos Membership input SIG input?
Nov 2007	Beti Williams	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:** BCS event at Swansea?	Beti would like to develop a high profile event that would become a regular BCS event at Swansea. This would be the first of these. Beti is currently considering a number of possible topics for this.
Dec 2007			
January 2008	Jeremy White	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	Repeat the IT in extreme environments presentation Could this be an extra one in the west of the branch.
		IP/TV?	These topics were requested via feedback
		Microsoft Sharepoint?	
		British Computers in Space (Prof Pilger?)	