Minutes of the Second meeting of the 2007 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm February 21st 2007
County Hall
Cardiff

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144.2.0 PRESENT		
Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Richard David	Nigel Davies
Max Davis	Jeremy White	Ieuan Johns
144.2.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Jason Mullins	John Tucker
Daniel Cunliffe	Derek Smith	John Hall
Beti Williams	Ralph Miller	Gareth O'Gorman

144.2.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS	Actions
None received. Absent members are reminded that a written report should always be submitted when ever possible.	**All**
144.2.3 WELCOME	
No guests present at this meeting.	
144.2.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved for placing on the web.	**IJ**
144.2.5 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 distributed HQ media contact guidelines. Guidelines to be sent to IJ for posting on the branch secure web page.	**PB**
Still to include a meeting with the Newport Statisticians and Operations researchers in the Events Plan. It was suggested that RRM discuss this with EL.	**RRM / EL**
Paul to contact Cardiff County Head of IT to arrange group recruitment evening	**PB**
Paul was to discuss any difficulties with members in getting to the current venues for meetings and also see if a venue just off the motorway could be used. This he had done and also reported the possible use of the Corus Social Club meeting rooms. This location is mid way between Swansea and Cardiff and is located just of the M4. It was agreed this should be tried out for the next meeting. Action closed.	**PB**
There appeared to be a possibility that the Branches resource project would be revitalised. Ralph was attending first council in January. Awaiting a report.	**RRM**
No further report. It is hoped that Max and Gareth can work together on the Skills Centre project. RRM to coordinate. Max reported in February that a good start had now been made, he had received a very positive reaction to the idea from HQ and he will keep the committee informed of further progress. The proposal was for a networking event costing in the region of £1000. A charge would be made for attendance at the event. He had already discussed with RRM the possibility of including the Institute of Directors. The Management School at Cardiff could be a possible venue with suitably sized accommodation. IET should be approached for support in promoting the event.	**GO'G MD RRM**

Would look to target September or October, possibly with some smaller scale networking events before then. Max was also to contact David Mather. ND suggested also linking in to the BA's science café event. ND agreed to send details to MD.	**ND**
Ralph had full response from Universities for their meeting on April 4th at Glamorgan. An agenda would now be circulated.	**RRM**
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. Their scores would then be related to Daniel's feed back scores.	**All**
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**

144.2.6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence.

144.2.7 BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report: No report submitted.	
Web master's Report Reported delays in updating the web site. This was now being addressed. Some discussion followed on how best to obtain the full details and getting these to IJ for updating the web. RD volunteered to monitor the web site and chase event organisers and speakers as required.	**RD**
Treasurer's Report: It was reported via the chair that after the adjustments had been made for the Christmas event, the budget will be back in the black and should have sufficient funds to cover the remainder of the year based on known commitments. Future special funding for 50th Anniversary activities will probably be required.	
Chairman's Report: No further report.	
Branches Board/Council Reports: No report submitted.	
YPG: See report against matters arising.	
Schools: RD has been talking to schools to obtain contact details for the IT teachers. Nothing further to report at present. **Universities:** The chair reported that he had seen correspondence indicating that the planned Universities / BCS coordination meeting was progressing to plan.	

144.2.8 2005/2006 Events Programme

The events planner was updated.

ND reported that the 18th of March was national science week should any one wish to take

advantage of this with regard to BCS events or publicity.	
ND to provide further details on the September event and RRM to see if a second visit to the BT data centre can also be organised for September for those people who were unable to make the event last year.	**ND** **RRM**
JW to progress the ideas he aired at the meeting.	**JW**
IJ to investigate options on IT, Computers and the environment.	**IJ**
144.2.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES	
Nothing further to report.	
144.2.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES	
No further discussion at this meeting, but continued updating by Paul.	
144.2.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
None raised	
144.2.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
29th March 2007 at Corus Social Club	

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2007			
Wed17th Apr 2007	ND / EL (Venue)	**Title:** Identity Theft **Speaker:** Dr Iain Sutherland **From:** University of Glamorgan **Venue:** Newport **Synopsis:** This is now on the web.	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:**	Details still to confirm with regard to venue and synopsis.
Early September but date still to confirm. Joint presentation	ND/DC (Venue)	**Title:** Computer Forensics **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Glamorgan **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. ND to provide new details to PB to replace above information.

Sept 2007	RM	**Title:** Repeat of BT data centre **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	Ralph to provide details.
Oct	JT	**Title:** 50th anniversary event Something historical? **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	Photos Membership input SIG input?
Nov 2007	Beti Williams	**Title:** A management topic **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Swansea **Synopsis:**	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		**Title:** British Computers in Space (Prof Pilger?) **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	JW has a number of ideas on this topic and will progress them.
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?	
	IJ	IT, Computers and the environment	IJ had ideas on the topic that he wished to explore
			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.