

**Minutes of the Third meeting of the 2007/08 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm, November 8th, 2007
Robert Recorde Room
Swansea University**

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151.3.0 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	John Tucker	Beti Williams
Ralph Miller (Sec)	Ieuan Johns	Jeremy White
Jason Mullins	Gareth O'Gorman	John Hall
Derek Smith	Carl Allen	

151.3.1 APOLOGIES

Steve Harvey	Max Davis	Richard David
Fred Long		

151.3.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS

Actions

Unfortunately, arrangements to have contact with Fred Long by telephone did not materialise.

Max Davis submitted the following report from the YPG Group:

YPG Report:

Career Networking

The event was a huge success, we had double the turn-out from last time, with over 60 attending the event and running over by over an hour due to a rather heated but successful Q&A with our panel of IT companies and career consultants from around South Wales.

I'd like to put a big thanks out to everyone who helped organise and attended the event to offer their support, our panel excelled and we have been invited to run a similar event at both Swansea and Newport following the evening.

I've attached feedback for anyone who'd like to read it, but the overwhelming number said the event was well planned, did what they wanted, but that we've outgrown the venue and maybe a slightly less informal venue might be more suitable next time. In addition to the attached feedback, BCS HQ are hosting a survey I wrote to gauge what people think of YPG in South Wales and where we can go in the future. I will share results as they become available.

The event write-up article will be featured in this month's eBCS YPG edition and should go up on the website very soon too.

	iversities would be much appreciated.	
	s to ITWales interview, YPG Congress write-up from need to provide leuan with this first).	IJ
	Thanks for your time and my apologies for not attending tonight. Max Davis South Wales YPG Representative For ideas on reducing your carbon footprint visit Yahoo! For Good this month. Max has also started on Terms of Reference for the Students Chapters	MD
151.3.3 WELCOME		
	The Committee welcomed Carl Allen from Companies House to the meeting.	
151.3.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING		
	The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, for placing on the Web.	IJ
151.3.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES		
	A meeting with the Newport Statisticians and Operations researchers will be included in the Events.	JW
	Cardiff County Head of IT has moved to Welsh assembly. Agreed that RRM would contact him there to discuss group recruitment. RRM to now progress this topic with new head of it at the county. RRM to ask RD if he would like to rejoin the committee when he retires from his job. All agreed to this proposal. RRM will follow up again. Ongoing	RRM
	The Branches resource project has been re introduced at BCS. Ongoing	RRM
	Options on IT, Computers and the Environment Event. Because of the Green Computing Event in November, IJ now considers the environmental effect of computers on operations.	IJ
	Analysis of Membership spread in Wales. Ongoing	JM
	CBS to be asked about their attendance at Nov 15 th meeting. Lyndon Thomas from bt to be invited to join us at dinner .	RRM
	BCS in Wales. JT and RRM to progress report on activity so far, then PB to discuss with Chairman North Wales and Chester.	JT,RRM, PB
	öPITCOMö in Wales; JW to provide contacts .	JW,RRM
	JT now gathering information on the origins of the Branch . Noel Cox and Rob Delamere to be contacted. Ralph had asked for any history on the Branch held by BCS HQ	RRM
	MBCS at Graduations, Richard French to provide info on other Universities	
151.3.6 CORRESPONDENCE		
	Invitations for Roger Needham and Lovelace Awards had been sent out to Universities and IHEs. Replies to RRM , please.	RRM,all
	DS had drafted letter to BMA specialist Group for a joint meeting. This was discussed at length. Following successful outcome to the letter, arrangements would be sought to start a Specialist Health Group in Wales.	DS
151.3.7 BRANCH REPORTS		
	Membership Secretary's Report: JM reported that difficulty with the transfer of his membership to his Company's Group Membership scheme had been resolved. Paul reported that he was still seeing what interest there was at Corus for the scheme. Ralph was	



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	<p>ty and at the assembly. Richard French was seeing what</p>	
	<p>No further report.</p>	
	<p>Treasurer's Report: Colin Chivers is investigating difficulties with system, as reported by PB at Branches Conference</p>	
	<p>Chairman's Report: Certificate to Frank Bott had been welcomed in Aberystwyth. Would be presented at the University at Christmas, as a surprise.</p>	
	<p>Branches Board/Council Reports: No Further report</p>	
	<p>YPG: See correspondence item GOOG reported that there was work continuing on the Student Chapter concept with Newport, Cardiff and Swansea U Student Computer Societies . On going. Swansea SUCS had offered to involve their idea of their last twenty years with John Tucker's History project.</p> <p>Schools: No report.</p> <p>Universities: No further report.</p>	<p>GOOG</p> <p>BW</p> <p>RRM</p>
<p>151.3.8 2007/2008 Events Programme</p>		
	<p>The Committee discussed the upcoming events: See attached list Some items for discussion were:</p> <p>December- Jeremy arranging with Techniquet, Cardiff with a Planetarium-linked meeting. Leading Space scientist from Aberystwyth to speak on Mars landing project with robot vehicle.</p> <p>January- Beti and Jeremy have planned IT on Everest event in West Wales.</p> <p>May - History of Computing event. Video recording arrangements to be investigated</p>	
<p>151.3.9 Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters</p>		



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	language website.	PB
	No further action at this meeting	
151.3.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
	PB showed the DVD from Aberdeen Branch. It was agreed that this idea could be appropriate for the upcoming History Event, in itself as a record. PB to feed back to HQ	PB
	RRM nominated to Swansea University Court, awaiting confirmation.	
	RM asked for info for bt e-skills meeting to be put on the web and branch email urgently. BW attending.	RRM
	BW discussed upcoming IT Wales ICT Forum Programme. All invited to attend , contact Beti	JW,IJ
	BW announced her invitation from Rachel Burnett to join the strategic panel of the BCS Womenø Forum. The Committee congratulated Beti on this achievement .	BW,all
	RRM asked for invitations to non-Members to be more vigorously extended in our Event announcements on the web, in the email, and on Notices. Members should be encouraged to bring colleagues and non-Members with temporary access should be clearly encouraged. We should then pick up their details at the meetings	IJ, JW
151.3.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS		

Appendix 1 Event Events Planner

			Comment
NOV 2007	Beti Williams / RRM	Title: Green Computing Speaker: Richard Barrington From: Sun Microsystems 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	JW	Title: British Computers in Space (Prof Pilger?) Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Techniquet Synopsis: Moon landing and Planetarium	JW has a number of ideas on this topic and will progress them. Need to confirm a venue ASAP. PB needs estimated costs ASAP so that an application for special funding can be made.
16 th January 2008	Jeremy White	Title: IT on Everest Speaker: Jeremy White From: Venue: Coleg Sir Gâr, Llanelli Synopsis: Full details now on the web	Repeat the IT in extreme environments presentation Could this be an extra one in the west of the branch. This is also to be on the TV in Oct. about being on Everest
21 st February	DS	Title: Freud as Real-Time Programmer (Joint Event With The British Psychological Society) Speaker: D Smith From: Venue: Synopsis:	Full details now on web site.
Thursday 20 th March 2008	RD & BW	Title: Entertaining a second life Speaker: TBC From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	This is to be a joint event with IET. A broad topic on computers and entertainment covering topics such as IP/TV, pod casting, Skype, etc. RD to approach organisations such as Sky for a speaker. Both BW and JH said they might be able to help with contacts.
April	JW	Title: British Ports Speaker: From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis: Collision avoidance. Goods tracking logistics. Site visit to Cardiff Bay.	
May 2008	JT	Title: AGM and 50 th anniversary event Something historical? Speaker: John Tucker From: Swansea Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Photos Membership input SIG input? PB to resend email to the Branch circulation outlining the event. This event will no longer take place in Oct. New date to be agreed. Feb proposed but a Feb event already planned by D Smith. April or May could be options.



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agreed.			ND has secured an offer from the Information Security Research group (Uni of Glamorgan) to provide the basis for a half day on computer forensics, possibly to include some trade stands. To follow up on input from Prof Neil Barrett. With ND departure from the committee, can DC help with this? DS offered to help in August if required.
		Microsoft Sharepoint?	These topics were requested via feedback
	IJ	IT, Computers and the environment	IJ had ideas on the topic that he wished to explore