

**Minutes of the Second Meeting of the 2008/09 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm, 23rd October, 2008
Companies House, Cardiff
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158.2.0 PRESENT		
Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Carl Allan	Derek Smith
Ralph Miller (Sec)	Jeremy White	Ieuan Johns
Mikhaila Burgess	Richard David	
158.2.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Jason Mullins	John Tucker
Fred Long	Beti Williams	Max Davis
Stillianos Vidalis	Gareth O’Gorman	Daniel Cunliffe

158.2.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS	Actions
<p>Reports from absent members are welcome. Please send them to the Sec., as we can then incorporate them in the minutes and the Committee is kept up to date</p> <p>Please send apologies to the Sec, copy to the chair, if possible in good time, as we can then adjust the refreshment numbers and even the date of the meeting if necessary following large numbers of apologies.</p> <p>Max Davis had circulated his YPG/Student Chapter report. Stilianos Vidalis had circulated an email regarding Work Based Learning. However, as neither were present, these were to be discussed at a future meeting</p>	All
158.2.3 WELCOME	
The Meeting welcomed Dr Mikhaila Burgess from Cardiff University, and hoped she enjoyed the meeting and would formally join the Committee later	
158.2.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, for placing on the Web.	IJ
158.2.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
Owing to absences the minutes were not covered in detail. Any one with a wish to discuss any matter, please raise at next meeting or direct to the Chair. In addition, discussion regarding the proposed Member Survey, and the “mind map” was postponed.	All
158.2.6 CORRESPONDENCE	
There was no correspondence requiring discussion.	
158.2.7 BRANCH REPORTS	
Membership Secretary’s Report: This topic was not taken at this meeting.	
Webmaster's Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
Treasurer’s Report: The Chair requested items for next year’s budget, and figures were obtained for meeting costs. It was decided that remote conferencing would be based on facilities already available at various meeting points. Max’s enquiry to continue on this basis.	
Chair’s Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
Branches Board/Council Reports: Ralph Miller attended this year’s Autumn Branch Congress. Ralph reported that the minutes were available on the website. However he noted the very positive atmosphere at this meeting compared with previous meetings. The President outlined his theme as BCS in the Community. (We should emphasise this in our arrangements where suitable). David Clarke gave an appreciation of the work of Branches. There were again good news stories from several Branches, in particular West	

	Yorkshire's efforts with work placement, relevant to Stillianos' WBL. Another point was the efforts made to find out Members' requirements, relevant to our proposed Member Survey. There was a debate between President and Vice President and their Seconders on the issue of the *Digital Native Generation" not wanting or not needing face-to-face Branch meetings. The vote was overwhelmingly for face-to-face meetings, but with the ability to make arrangements for remote meetings when appropriate. The next meeting is on April 1st in Southampton Street.	
	Universities: The next meeting would be on Nov 12 th at Aberystwyth. It would be "branded" as a BCS in Wales event. NWales and Chester Committee would be represented there. It was hoped Mikhaila would attend for Cardiff U	
	Schools: Richard David reported he was awaiting replies from his contacts regarding schools YPG/ Student Chapters: The Fresher's meeting at Swansea U was a great success. Max's note is attached. MB expressed an interest in the YPG	
158.2.8 2007/2008 Events Programme		
	Progress with the programme was continued. JW updated the meeting and circulated action points required. Details of catering for the Turing Lecture, now on Jan 29 th , were discussed. RRM to continue to make arrangements with HQ. Jeremy perhaps to meet the HQ team on their visit on 25 th . It was again agreed that a fundamental element for success was Publicity, on the Web and in the Media. Max and Derek were asked to continue to discuss possibilities together. It was agreed that we probably could not sustain indefinitely the current rate of holding events. A review of our current events strategy would be held at a future meeting.	JW RRM MD DS
158.2.9 Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters		
	The report from the BCS in Wales Working Party was presented and agreed at the Membership Services Board (MSB). RRM reported he was hopeful of being able to discuss "PITCOM in Wales" idea soon, with an AM. RRM reported he had been invited to join the Advisory Committee on the application for a top level domain for .CYM. He would act on behalf of BCSSWB and keep BCS in Wales in mind also	JVT, BW RRM
158.2.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES		
	Not discussed at this meeting	
158.2.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
	The Award to Prof Hodson was approved at MSB. The President will present this at the Top Team meeting in November. It was suggested that a reception for Prof Hodson be held at the next Event meeting in Glamorgan U. RRM to contact Daniel to arrange. The Ted Stuart Award was presented to the BT Team at the October 15 th "Business "meeting at Cardiff Business School. The evening, lecture and dinner were very successful, but more attendees would have been welcome.	RRM
158.2.12 DATE(S) OF FUTURE MEETING(S)		
	Next meeting would be on Thursday 20 th , at Glamorgan University, Treforest	RRM