BCS in Wales

Report to 2012 AGM of the BCS South Wales Branch

BCS in Wales is an umbrella organisation representing the three BCS branches in Wales, South Wales Branch, Mid Wales Branch and the North Wales and Chester Branch.

The main aim of BCS in Wales is to provide a loud and prominent voice and role in all aspects of computing including policy development in Wales.

BCS in Wales will identify and co-ordinate actions, activities and partnerships of a pan Wales nature and thus promote the BCS within Wales as a chartered Professional body with a wealth of knowledge, international authority and truly representing the ICT profession across Wales.

BCS in Wales was formed in 2009 and was chaired by Ralph Miller until he stepped down in June 2012. Ralph will continue to serve on the BCS in Wales Committee as Chair of the BCS in Wales Universities SIG so BCS in Wales will continue to benefit from his extremely valuable experience and expertise.

Beti Williams took over from Ralph and the 1st meeting she will organise as Chair will be on 5th October via video conference between Swansea, Cardiff, Glamorgan, Bangor and Glyndwr Universities.

BCS in Wales as set up 3 SIGs:-

- Health Informatics Group
- BCS Women in Wales Group
- Universities Group

Currently there are 20 members of the committee:-

Beti Williams   Chair

Fred Long   Deputy Chair and Chair of Mid Wales Branch

Roger Boyle   Treasurer

Liam Kurnos   Secretary (Software Alliance Wales)

Miki Burgess	Chair South Wales Branch
Garfield Southall	Chair of North Wales and Chester Branch
Rich Pickings	Chair of Health Informatics Group
Helen Phillips	Chair of BCS Women in Wales
Ralph Miller	Chair of Universities Group

Academic Representation

Daniel Cunliffe	Glamorgan University
Ian Wells	Swansea Metropolitan University
Neal Harman	Swansea University
John Tucker	Swansea University
Rosemary Dale	Open University
Sa'ad Mansoor	Bangor University
Tom Crick	Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Industrial Representation

Anwen Robinson	MD UNIT 4 Business Software Ltd
Ian Illingworth	Cisco Systems
Ronan Miles	BT
Jeremy White	Welsh Assembly Government
Peter Sishton	Director e-skills Wales

BCS in Wales has successfully encouraged ICT professionals from industry to join the committee ensuring an even balance between academia and business ensuring BCS in Wales is exposed to all opinions, ideas and work practices etc.

Its current program of activities includes:-

- Re vamp of the BCS in Wales web site
- Making representations to the Welsh Government to ensure the BCS is consulted on all matters relating to the ICT industry in Wales
- Working with the Welsh Government and Software Alliance Wales on the Digital Wales Conference in Feb 2013

BCS in Wales is represented on the Welsh Government's Cross Party Advisory Group for Science and technology.