

# **BCS Consultancy Specialist Group (CONSIG)**

## **Chairman's Report September 2009**

Dear Colleagues,

This report covers the extended period from 1st May 2008 - 31st August 2009 in order to align with the recent change of the BCS financial year to run from 1st September - 31st August.

CONSIG has had another successful period with a full and varied programme of events – details in the past events area of the website. All were well attended with first class presentations and lively interaction and audience participation. We thank our speakers and all those who helped to make these events very enjoyable and useful. We increased our collaboration through joint events with other BCS Branches, SGs and Forums; and through the Chairman contributed to the activities of the Management Forum Strategic Panel.

We have continued to actively collaborate with the consultancy groups of other professional institutions which are members of the Joint Consultants Forum (JCF). This has helped to raise the profile of the BCS and also delivered mutual benefits to the members of the participating institutions through many joint events. The JCF has a small website, maintained by a volunteer, with growing content on events and other items of interest. The JCF committee includes CONSIG members Richard Robson, John McGarvey and myself. BCS CONSIG with the help of an increasing number of Branches has played a lead role in the creation of the Local Communities Collaboration project. This is aimed at helping all sectors in local communities particularly in this difficult economic climate. We continue to seek ways to improve the delivery of benefits to our main stakeholders v.i.z. consultant members of the participating professional institutions, clients, local communities and help the participating professional institutions to fulfill their charitable objectives. The programme is now being rolled out. The help and participation of more local CONSIG volunteers and Branches would be much appreciated.

CONSIG has a number of facilities such as the secure area for discussions and the Directory List; and in response to your requests, committee member Richard Avery set up our LinkedIn group which continues to grow. Other improvements include the BCS on-line booking system for events.

I should like to acknowledge the excellent support we have received from the SG support team and Web team at Swindon as well those at London reception.

Finally, I should like to thank once more all members and staff who have contributed to the success of CONSIG, which has made it one of the most active of all BCS SGs. Your help is valued, very much appreciated and we look forward to your continued participation and support.

With very best wishes  
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