

BCS Green IT Specialist Group

2018 AGM

24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Chair's report

- The current membership is **1055** down from 1,214 members last year, a loss of 259 members
- We continue to churn members with (139) new members and (398) members leaving.
- **88%** of members are male (last year 78% ) and **12%** female (last year 22%). So proportion of female members has declined by 50%
- This year **253 (24%)** of members live overseas, compared with (313) (26%) last year. Outside the UK Sri Lanka **87** (127), Mauritius **35** (38) and Hong Kong **34** (31) are the locations with the highest number of members, and we have members in **38** (44) countries.

During the year the SG put on 4 talks to local branches (Solent, Coventry, Hertfordshire and Gloucester) on the sustainability and environmental impacts of IoT including presentation of a video made in collaboration with Leeds Beckett university. It contributed an article to the IT Now Ethics issue, and to the Policy Connect report 'Is going online costing the earth?' and continued work on guidance for footprinting the Cloud with TechUK and Defra.

For the future we are looking to

- Address IT's contribution to the reduction of Carbon emissions and Climate Change
- Footprinting the Cloud, completing work with TechUK
- Feed into and promote the BCS in international developments around Sustainable ICT
- Improve branch awareness of E-Waste Reduce and promote Closed Loop approaches
- Work with Defra to build a repository of best practices for Green IT
- Develop materials to improve member and BCS HQ awareness of the sustainable impacts of ICT and how to reduce them

Thank you

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