

BCS e-Learning SG
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 23 November 2020
Remote

AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes of the 2019 AGM, held on Thursday 23 January 2020
2. Matters arising from the 2019/20 AGM
3. Secretary's Report (Margaret Ross)
4. Treasurer's Report (Liz Ryan)
5. Chairman's Report (James Uhomoihibhi)
6. Election of Officers (Margaret Ross)
7. Future Events (Margaret Ross)
8. Any Other Business

3. Secretary's Report

The current Specialist Group membership is 1,023. These are mainly based in the UK,
- but approximately 23% are from outside the UK,

The Specialist Group thanks the sponsors of the **2 physical meetings, 2 webinars, a remote international conference and an e-learning Student and an e-learning Open competition**, many associated with BCS Hampshire Branch. The Specialist Group also would like to thank the speakers, and event organizers, and especially the Solent University, for hosting the physical 2019/20 events

We would be delighted to hear from any organisations that are prepared to sponsor, to present webinars or hold joint events once these are again possible.

If you are not a current member of BCS but would still like to hear about future conferences, webinars and activities we are organising, you can subscribe to our mailing list by sending a blank email to elearnnonmem-join@lists.bcs.org.uk

Margaret Ross. (Vice Chair and Secretary)

4. Treasurer's Report (2019/20)

The allocation for 2019/2020 was £1111.50 including £450 student prizes

There was only £843.31 spent that year, as the events were normally joint events, consisting of £150 on catering, £135 on travel, £40.70 on stationery, £189 on speakers expenses, £22.50 on materials and publicity and the £306.12 on student prizes

The allocation for 2020/2021 is £1060.55, to include the £500 for student prizes

Liz Ryan, (e-Learning SG Treasurer).

5. Chairman's Report 2019/20

There have been a number of events and competitions during 2019/20

The e-learning 2020 Student and Open competitions - The theme to produce a **single Power Point slide on: "How e-learning can be used to assist Society and the Environment"**

The e-learning 2020 HE student competition winners were:

1st Jonathon O'Dwyer, University of Ulster

2nd Georgios Lampropoulos , International Hellenic University, Greece

3rd GU Shuxin, from Jiangsu Urban and Rural Construction College, China

The e-learning 2020 Open competition winners were:

- 1st** **Motassim Rashid Thupsee**, from Mauritius
2nd **Thinuri Wijesekara** , from Sri Lanka

The 2019/2020 activities included:

These meetings were held initially mainly at Southampton, then remotely as webinars

28/11 Metaheuristic Method for Transport Modelling and Optimization & Teaching Supercomputers - Professor Stefka Fidanova & Dr Velislava Stoykova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences with BCSWomen, SG and SMAT Solent University

23/01 Using Deep Learning, to train models to get the most out of every byte of the most detailed geospatial data – Olivia Wilson, at Solent University

Webinars only from this period

10/6 Managing interactive training remotely – Jill Clarke with e-learning SG

6/7 Demonstration of Zoom, using Zoom - Jill Clarke with e-learning, BCSWomen SGs

In addition to these events, the **25th annual international INSPIRE 2020** conference was held remotely. INSPIRE 2020 attracted papers from international sources, covering a broad spectrum of practical experience and research. The topic areas include e-Learning in the UK and Scandinavia, use of e-Learning and tools for schools, HE and for the wider public, augmented reality, virtual laboratories, social media, programming in schools, gamification, cyber security in teaching and learning, multi choice assessments, case studies in use of e-learning in 2020 in various countries, **including Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Kenya, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sri Lanka, UK, and the USA.**

Conference papers were submitted after the conference.

An e-book of the conference proceedings, **e-Learning as a Solution during Unprecedented Times in the 21st Century**, with ISBN 978-1-9996549-4-8 is being prepared.

I would like to thank the committee and the speakers for all their help and their support throughout the year.

James Uhomoibhi, Chairman of BCS e-Learning SG.

6. Election of Officers for 2020/2021

Chair: **James Uhomoibhi**
Vice Chair/Secretary: **Margaret Ross**
Treasurer: **Liz Ryan**
Inclusion Officer: **Safia Barikzai**

Promotion and International Relations: Elli Georgiadou
Far Eastern (Sri Lanka): Geetha Abeysinghe

Other Committee members:

Cornelia Boldyreff, Eleanor Dewar, Soheir Ghallab, Linda Odhiambo Hooper,
Daniel Hutty, Olufemi (Femi) Isiaq, Paul Kingsley, Geoff Staples

No other nominations were received

7. PAST and FUTURE webinars, in the BCS 2020/2021 year, include:

Date	e-Learning SG webinar - Speakers
17/9/2020	The potential use of Smartphones for e-Learning in Nepal and South Asia - Eleanor Dewar, jointly with Hampshire Branch and BCSWomen SG
5/10	Transform your e-learning with playful design and gamification – Dr Stylianos Mystakidis, University of Patras, Greece, presented from Greece, with Hampshire Branch & BCS AGD SG
Mon 16/11	Try Zoom's Interactive Capabilities – Jill Clarke, with Hampshire Branch & BCSWomen SG
Mon 21/11	Delivering Online Education in Africa During Unprecedented Times: Assessing Tools, Challenges, Processes and Future Opportunities - James Uhomoibhi , Belfast University and Dili Ojukwu, Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndifur-Alike Ikwo (FUNAI), Nigeria.. preceeded by the e-learning SG AGM, jointly with Hampshire Branch
Mon 30/11	Student-staff Co-creation of Virtual and AR Learning Resources - Marie-Luce Bourguet and Maria Romero-Gonzalez, Queen Mary University of London, presented from Tokyo, jointly with Hampshire Branch and BCSWomen and AGD SGs

The **26th annual INSPIRE remote conference, to be held on 21-23 June 2021**, as an e-conference, a **2 page abstract (max of 6 references)** to be submitted by the **31st December**, which will as usual be reviewed by at least 3 reviewers. Again there will both traditional INSPIRE papers and also case Studies, associated mainly with these difficult times. Again there will be **no conference fee for authors or attendees**. Details at <https://www.bcs.org/membership/member-communities/e-learning-specialist-group/competitions/bcs-e-learning-sg-2021-competition/>

Full papers in format will be required by **7 May 2021**, for reviewing. If the paper is accepted, please send the power point slides, with audio attached to each separate slide for the 15 minute presentation, and a brief half page bio, (stating the nearest city and country). After the e-conference, the accepted papers will be published, with ISBN as an e-proceedings,

Send Abstracts with mini bios asap, before 31 December to **E.Georgiadou@mdx.ac.uk**, cc **Margaret.ross@bcs.org.uk** with **BCS INSPIRE** please in the subject line

Also

The annual **e-Learning SG 2021 Competition**, has the theme, expressed on a single power point slide on “**Unique Opportunities for e-learning in Difficult Times, to help Society or the Environment**” with closing date for submissions **Monday 26 April 2021** For this BCS e-learning competition there is an Open class, where at least 1 member of a team has to be a BCS member, and Student classes, from Primary School to Postgraduate, when no previous connection with the BCS is necessary, but the student entries should be submitted by a single point of contact, usually a teacher or lecturer, from that educational establishment.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business received in advance