

Notes from BCS Committee Meeting, 24th February 2021

Attendees:

Phil Crewe (notes)
David Miller
John McCarthy
Jonathan Leeson
Jeremy Acklam
Shakeeb Niazi

Apologies

Jacqui Hogan
Ian Golding
Jon Hall

Notes from meeting

1a. Conference feedback

- Follow up on email list and get an email out to people asking for info on ITLF as a personal contact – maybe offer a personal chat **ACTION: PHIL**

1b. Planning for next year

- Agree content of event and speakers
- Agree support team (take it in turns to help people on arrival)
- Voice chat and voice announcements would be a good added option
- The Conference should be looked on as a sales pitch for members

1c. IT Leaders Forum brand

- BCS understood our position about creating and supporting the brand
- They will support and encourage our help to other groups who want to run an IT Leadership focussed event

2. Symposium

Going forward, the symposia could fit into the programme by providing interactive sessions for members to debate topics. These may be ones raised at this year's IT Leaders Survey or conference, or other topical subjects that arise during the year, and the output can be used as input to events or the next conference.

The events will remain as now for speakers to present on topics that interest us, and conference for interviews/presentations and round table discussions. In this way, hopefully, we have a continuous process for topics to be raised by the membership, debated by the membership, which we then use as input to event planning for specialists to present, and input to conference and feedback for invited conference subject experts/commentators/panellists to discuss.

Outputs/ideas/issues from the conference would feed into the next symposium. Each has its own purpose, but they are all linked to continuously feed one-another.

Question: whereas events and conference are open to all, do we limit symposia to members only? If not, what is the value of membership?

- Shakeeb is working with Jonathan framing next three events
- We should send this to the guest list from Symposium
- Good format – should we do a couple during the year – and should we be restrictive – we should let more people in
- Suggestion to run a member’s symposium just for members – potentially mid-year - potentially an end-of-year summer symposium in July
- Symposium could focus on issues that came out of Conference survey – allow people to come prepared to talk – then we can take that output in to next year’s conference
- Should it be physical or virtual – aim to start with as virtual
- Discussion on hybrid model. Need to address the risk that some people will get a different experience being remote. And needs to be supported by BCS equipment. Suggestion to make the host virtual?
- Potential topic: doing business in a hybrid world.
- For next year, the post-Conference Symposium should be more open rather than restricted to members

3. Shakeeb - charitable work on level-up equipment for schools and children

- Shakeeb to circulate PPT he walked through [ACTION: SHAKEEB]
- Shakeeb to circulate for comment likely message to IT Leaders Forum members [ACTION: SHAKEEB]
- Shakeeb asked for approval to message members to ask whether they could help his efforts.
- Shakeeb confirmed that appropriate GDPR measures were in place, and he is working with Mandy
- Committee present generally supportive of the activity pending approval of the text of the email/LinkedIn post
- Any questions to Shakeeb for clarification, and he will involve others (such as Freddie) if necessary.