



London Central Branch

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AGM 2021



Agenda AGM 2021

11th November 2021 at 6.00pm

Location: Online - GoToWebinar

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 15th October 2020
3. Chair's Report for 2020/21
4. Hon. Secretary's Report 2020/21
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report 2020/21
6. Elections
 - 6.1. Election of Chair 2021/22

Mr Dalim Basu
 - 6.2. Election of Officers 2021/22

Nominees for re-election
Honorary Secretary- Mr David Grundy

Honorary Treasurer- Mr David Lewis
 - 6.3. Election of Committee Members 2021/22

Nominees for re-election
Mr Iraj Idafar

Nominees for election (3 month initial period)
Kamini Hari
Bhupinder D Mahi
 - 6.4. Assignment of specific roles
Inclusion Officer – David Grundy
Early Career Advocate – Kamini Hari
7. Any Other Business



Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes

The British Computer Society – London Central Branch

15th October 2020 at 6.00pm

Location: Online - GoToWebinar

Committee Members present: Mr D Basu (Chair), Mr D Grundy (Secretary), Mr N Ufodike, Mr I Idafar, Ms A Hilton, Ms R Woolley

It was noted that there were 11 members in attendance.

8. Apologies for absence

Mr D Lewis (Treasurer), Ms S Umman

9. Minutes of the AGM held on 10th October 2019

The minutes were approved.

10. Chair's Report

Mr Basu presented the Chair's report. The top 3 successes of the year were reported as innovation, collaboration and education.

Mr Basu outlined the goals for the 2020/21 session which are based around marketing & publicity, innovation, networking, collaboration and education. Thanks were given to the committee for increasing the number of events and contributing to BCS charitable objectives.

The Chair's report was accepted.

11. Hon. Secretary's Report

Mr Grundy presented the Secretary's report. He noted that we already ran a small series of webinars so were well placed to adapt to the lockdown restrictions which came into place in March.

Mr Grundy reported that we had 18 events and increased member participation to 1219 event participants over the course of the year. A small increase in branch membership numbers was also reported.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

12. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Mr Grundy presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Mr Lewis.



Mr Grundy gave an overview of the period's original budget and expenditure. There was a significant underspend due to the low cost of producing webinars and not having to pay speaker expenses and event catering. It was reported that expenditure is expected to be very low for the foreseeable future.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

13. Elections

All elected Branch officers and committee members were nominated in conformity with the Member Group Rules.

13.1. Election of Chair 2020/2021

Mr Dalim Basu was re-elected Chair for the forthcoming session.

13.2. Election of Officers 2020/2021

The following Officers were re-elected:
Honorary Treasurer: Mr David Lewis
Honorary Secretary: Mr David Grundy

13.3. Election of Committee Members 2020/2021

The following members were re-elected to the committee:
Mr Iraj Idafar
Mr Nzube Ufodike
Ms Roisin Woolley
Ms Amber Hilton
Mr David Lewis

The following members were newly elected to the committee:
Ms Safia Barikzai
Mr Saptarshi Ghosh

14. Any Other Business

A member participant suggested an event on the topic of quantum entanglement. We agreed to contact the member after the webinar to pursue the suggestion further.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 6.20pm



Chair's Report for the Year 2020/21

BCS CeNLB – Central & North London Branches (supporting East London too)

Letter from the Chair - Dalim Basu - November-December 2021

BCS CeNLB – exploring a World of Initiatives to help make IT Good for Society!

PANDEMIC - what a time we're in! Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and its sad consequences, 2020-21 has seen unprecedented disruption, unforeseen transformation, unpredictable changes, accelerated adaption of remote working practices, and innovative delivery – and it's not over yet!

But despite many challenges, we managed to deliver another great year of interesting, informative and popular events focused on the worlds of IT, IT professionalism – and IT people.

Since I was elected Chair of London Central Branch in October 2019, we have increased collaboration between our two great BCS member groups for mutual benefit, and new opportunities for you to support us and the BCS of the future. My particular thanks to Branch Secretaries David Grundy (Central) and Patrick Roberts (North), to two great Committees of volunteers, plus BCS HQ paid support staff.

This letter outlines what we've been doing during this time of contemplation, self-isolation, mutual care and looking after others for the good for society. You'll see some of our plans for the future, and how you can participate and benefit. I have also listed our 2021 events and webinars. These (and videos in our Library of Videos and YouTube) include ideas about adapting to challenges of new work environments and our changing world, making use of 'disruptive' technologies, and focused initiatives.

>Past events and support: Our events (listed later) are helping raise participation with BCS activities from a wider IT community. This year our events (mostly webinars) have all been free ones, with focus on high-profile topics, high-profile speakers and support of BCS core aims to 'make IT good for society'. We achieved much of our MINCE plans for 2020-2021 (but of course with limited in-person activities due to pandemic considerations) and will extend them into 2021-2022 (see below).

>Ideas for the future: We'll extend our 'IT Heads' and 'Wominspiration' interview streams, and will increase focused initiatives (e.g. 'AcademIT', 'Eco', 'FinTech', 'Innovation Hubs', 'Mentoring', 'Recruit', 'SecureIT', 'Seniors'). To extend the benefits of this knowledge-sharing and videos (mostly recorded by David Grundy), we'd like to improve our use of social media (LinkedIn, Twitter etc.), marketing and publicity. If you have skills in these areas and would like to help, please email dalim.basu@bcs.org. Also send your ideas about great **presenters** and interesting, entertaining **topics** for future events.

We enjoy discussing opportunities and challenges, with major focus on delivering positive results. Can you pass our Initiatives test? Come and see.

2021-2022 Plans



Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Marketing & Publicity	Increased focus on publicising group activities and reach out to wider audiences.
2. Innovation	Increase use and monitoring of social media for marketing/advertising etc. Initiatives with London innovation hubs, plus many other focused initiatives.
3. Networking	Webinars & other activities to help BCS members network with others, mentoring etc.
4. Collaboration	Increased collaboration with other BCS groups, and other organisations.
5. Education	Initiatives about jobhunting, soft skills, mentoring, new technologies. Work with academics, seniors, early careers.

Dalim Basu
Chair
6th November 2021

Honorary Secretary’s Report for the Year 2020/21

I am pleased to present this report after completing my 3rd year as Secretary. We held 32 events, which was 14 events more than the previous period - enabled by the efficiency of webinars.

Event Attendance

All of our events in the past year were webinars. We increased annual event participation to 2,673 which is more than double that of the previous period. We had an average of 84 participants per event and the biggest event had 202 participants.

2020		
Sep	Disruptive technologies, the future - and you! (Evening)	111
Sep	Disruptive technologies, the future - and you! (Afternoon)	57
Sep	Graduating, surviving and thriving in 2020	87
Oct	Digital Transformation Trends	121
Oct	Fintech 2.0: The future Ecosystem of Financial Services	77
Nov	IoT - Hacking embedded devices	168
Dec	What is tokenization in Blockchain?	77
Dec	BCS Membership – Status & Strategy	89
2021		
Jan	T Levels – T-time for you? Talk the Tech, Train the Teacher	61
Jan	IT for Good – help the world!	103
Feb	The future of data - and what it means for you	100
Feb	Effective Stress Control for IT Job Seekers and Contractors	32
Mar	IT Heads 2021: Dancing with the Red Queen - IT Leadership in a changing world	89
Mar	How will IR35 impact the IT industry?	94
Mar	IT projects & UN Sustainability Goals	40
Mar	Accelerating Diversity in Technology	68
Mar	#IamRemarkable	13
Apr	VR + AR - Reality Check	100
Apr	Solving the right problems in Data Management	102
Apr	Wominspiration: Bev White - Harvey Nash Group CEO	64
Apr	Fintech 2.0: The Incumbents Strike Back	60
May	IT Heads 2021: 5 Epic Fails of the Cybersecurity Industry	202
May	Effective Research Techniques	81
May	Wominspiration: Sarah Armstrong-Smith - Chief Security Advisor at Microsoft	112
Jun	‘Fake News... Really?’ Disinformation Warfare: the War of Hoaxes	86
Jun	IT Heads 2021 - Russ Shaw CBE	38
Jun	Climate, Environment, Sustainability: key issues for the UK tech sector	60
Jul	New Technologies for Data Protection	49
Jul	Gaming panel discussion	57
Aug	Pete's History of Computing	116
Aug	Tech Skills - What's hot? What's not?	110
Aug	DeFi - Opportunity or Threat to the Financial System?	49
Grand Total		2673



Social Media

This year we uploaded the majority of our events to YouTube which was made easier by the recording facilities of Zoom and GoToWebinar.

Number of new videos: 32

Number of views: 5,650

This is an increase on the number of YouTube views compared to last year but not as many as might be expected because we prioritised the promotion of live events over videos.

Our most successful video was “Wominspiration: Sarah Armstrong-Smith, Chief Security Advisor at Microsoft” which has had more than 370 views.

Our Twitter followers remained constant at around 1,139. We also began using a LinkedIn group and are currently monitoring its effectiveness and impact.

David Grundy
Honorary Secretary
24th October 2021

Honorary Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2020/21

I am pleased to present the Honorary Treasurer's Report for the London Central Branch for the financial year 2020-21, this being September 2020 through August 2021. This report is presented at the Branch's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11th November 2021 and it contains information correct as at Monday 1st November 2021.

Financial Year 2020/21

To fund our operations during this period, we submitted a budget request which was reduced to £5974, which included £2,250 for student prizes. During this extraordinary lockdown financial year, the branch spent just £25, despite running an extensive programme of webinars and events that kept the membership engaged, active and entertained. The primary reasons for this underspend were the extraordinary lock down since March 2020 that has prevented face to face events and related catering costs. We only had one speaker expense claim, and we have outstanding student prizes still to award.

	Actual Aug 2021	Budget Aug 2021	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Expenditure	0.00	299.92	299.92	0.00%	25.01	5,999.04	5,974.03	0.42%	25.01	5,999.04	5,974.03	0.42%
Net Profit/(Loss)	0.00	(299.92)	299.92	0.00%	(25.01)	(5,999.04)	5,974.03	0.42%	(25.01)	(5,999.04)	5,974.03	0.42%

Income Account	Actual Aug 2021	Budget Aug 2021	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
Total Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

Expenditure Account Number Account Name	Actual Aug 2021	Budget Aug 2021	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other)	0.00	22.19	22.19	0.00%	0.00	266.28	266.28	0.00%	0.00	266.28	266.28	0.00%
4130 Speakers expenses	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00%	12.95	540.00	527.05	2.40%	12.95	540.00	527.05	2.40%
4150 Catering	0.00	232.73	232.73	0.00%	0.00	2,792.76	2,792.76	0.00%	0.00	2,792.76	2,792.76	0.00%
4900 Other Costs General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	12.06	150.00	137.94	8.04%	12.06	150.00	137.94	8.04%
5102 Student Prizes & Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00%	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00%
Total Expenditure	0.00	299.92	299.92	0.00%	25.01	5,999.04	5,974.03	0.42%	25.01	5,999.04	5,974.03	0.42%
Net Profit/(Loss)	0.00	(299.92)	299.92	0.00%	(25.01)	(5,999.04)	5,974.03	0.42%	(25.01)	(5,999.04)	5,974.03	0.42%

Financial Year 2021/22

For the forthcoming financial year 2021/22, being September 2021 through August 2022, the branch was advised that budgets would be set centrally based on expenditure over the previous 3 financial years. We were awarded a total of £5624, which envisages catering costs for live events and a further round of Student awards. We are seeing a return to face to face as well as hybrid events. If this progress is maintained we may have to make a supplementary expenditure request (SER) to cover any overspend.

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Administration : MEMBER GROUPS
INSTITUTE : BRANCHES : BC21: London Central BCS

Budget 2021 - 2022 v1

	Budget Sep 2021	Budget Oct 2021	Budget Nov 2021	Budget Dec 2021	Budget Jan 2022	Budget Feb 2022	Budget Mar 2022	Budget Apr 2022	Budget May 2022	Budget Jun 2022	Budget Jul 2022	Budget Aug 2022	Budget 2021/22
3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other)	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97	239.64
4130 Speakers expenses	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	486.00
4150 Catering	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	209.46	2,513.52
4900 Other Costs General			134.95										134.95
5102 Student Prizes & Membership										2,250.00			2,250.00
Cost of Sales	269.93	404.88	269.93	269.93	269.93	269.93	269.93	269.93	269.93	2,519.93	269.93	269.93	5,624.11
Gross Profit	(269.93)	(404.88)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(2,519.93)	(269.93)	(269.93)	(5,624.11)

This report is presented for the consideration of the meeting, supported by a summary of the Branch's expenditure as at the end of August 2021.

David J W Lewis Honorary Treasurer 1st November 2021