

Minutes of the BCS IRSG Committee Meeting

26 November 2024

Zoom Meeting 18:00 (London)

Present

Udo Kruschwitz [UK] (Chair), Graham McDonald [GM] (Vice-Chair), Monica Paramita [MP] (Secretary), Ingo Frommholz [IF] (Treasurer), Haiming Liu [HL] (Membership Secretary), Yashar Moshfeghi [YM] (Inclusion Officer), Andy Hind [AH] (Early Careers Advocate), Iadh Ounis [IO], Sean MacAvaney [SM] Nicola Tonello [NT], Gregor Donabauer [GD]

1. Apologies and Minutes of Previous IRSG Committee Meeting

Minutes accepted.

2. Actions arising from September 2024

Action Number	Action	Action on
SEP 24.01	Follow closely the developments of the new IRRJ with a view on setting possibly up a future agreement similar to the one we had with IRJ (<i>Was: Explore possible agreements with IP&M Journal</i>) ONGOING	UK & GM
SEP 24.02	Discuss the possibility of increasing the honorarium for Search Solutions 2024 (and future Search Solutions) ONGOING	UK, IF, HL and ALL
SEP 24.03	Discuss the future of one-day events ONGOING	TRR and ALL
SEP 24.04	Send the brief for KvR Award to NT - not applicable for this year, will do for 2026 - so DONE for now.	IO
SEP 24.05	Discuss whether KvR Award should be held every one/two years DONE	ALL
SEP 24.06	Circulate a draft email about ECIR 2026 bids to the committee to check. DONE	UK & MP
SEP 24.07	Inform all applicants of the ECIR 2026 bids decision DONE	UK & MP
SEP 24.08	Send out a call for nominations to fill vacancies on the BCS IRSG committee. DONE	MP & UK
SEP 24.09	If there are more candidates than vacancies, set up a poll. DONE	MP & UK
SEP 24.10	Discuss expenses for keynote speakers which should be covered for ECIR 2025. This will be done after the winner has been selected (Dec). DONE	HL & NT
SEP 24.11	Write something for Informer (and contact GD) ONGOING	ALL

3. Items agreed by email

- Decisions emerging from **SEP 24.07** were made via email (see Agenda item 10)

4. Report: Chair

- We had another uncontested election and need to think about how we can reach a bigger pool of volunteers (election results under Agenda item 12)
- The constructive discussion of ECIR 2026 bids was concluded following our last committee meeting, bidders have been informed and have confirmed, announcement at the AGM tomorrow (see Agenda item 10)
- Now that we have Informer on Medium we need to make an effort of pushing contents out. The publicity for Search Solutions via the new Informer site has been very effective (judging by the numbers of registrations, we are close to being sold out)

5. Report: Inclusion Officer

Nothing to report.

6. Report: Early Careers Advocate

Nothing to report.

7. Report: Event Organiser

Nothing to report.

8. ECIR 2024

We agreed during the last meeting that this should be removed from the agenda now.

9. ECIR 2025

ECIR 2025 planning is proceeding as planned. Everything under control.

10. ECIR 2026

ECIR 2026 decision has been finalised.

11. AGM 2024

AGM 2024 will be held on Wednesday, 27th November 2024 at 6 pm.

12. Elections

The following members have been elected for a two-year term starting from the AGM (27th November 2024):

- Chair: Ingo Frommholz
- Secretary: Monica Paramita
- Treasurer: will be co-opted at the AGM - Sean to be co-opted
- Membership Secretary: Haiming Liu
- Committee Members: Udo Kruschwitz (also serves in the past-chair role for one year)

We have one more vacant position for a committee member.

- Iadh is going to nominate himself

13. KSJ Award

KSJ Award is on track. It has 4 delayed judgments but has managed to reach a consensus regardless.

14. ICTIR report

LD for General Chair - All is fine.

15. Strix Award

The winner of the 2024 Strix Award has been decided and the winner has been notified. I am waiting on confirmation of the availability of the winner but the lecture is pencilled in for Thursday, January 9th 2025 - 2.30 - 4.30 pm. Publicity will be going out soon.

16. Budget

Nothing to report. Will provide a further update at AGM.

17. Informer

The current articles in Informer are getting views. Committee members are encouraged to send new articles.

18. AOB

No other business.

19. Next meeting

February 2025.

20. Action arising from the meeting

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