Report submissions must be sent to groups@bcs.uk or your Community Coordinator.

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| **Member Group Name:** | ICT Ethics specialist group |
| **Year:** | 2022-2023 |
| **Report Completed By:** | Dr Neil Gordon (Chair) |

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| **Group Chair:** | Neil Gordon |
| **Group Treasurer:** | Gillian Arnold |
| **Group Secretary:** | Paul Rowley |
| **Group Inclusion Officer:** | Chris Mercer |
| **Other Committee Members:** | Marina Jirotka; Daniel Bowen; Motassim Thupsee; Bernd Stahl;Andrew Nwanakwaugwu; Maria Marenco; Ian Fish; Oluwatosin Sonubi; Adem Certel; Anna Vartapetiance; Don Gotterbarn;Edgar Ter Danielyan; Aygen Kurt-Dickson; Darren Dalcher |

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Community Support Committee (CSC) will review your submitted report, and suitable action points fed into the Community Board for strategic planning.

As one of the critical communication points with our members, completing this report supports not only your group but the ongoing support and development of other member groups and the BCS itself.

# **Successes**

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

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| **Success** | **Additional Comments** |
| 1. Re-establishing the committee as a working group | Partly due to Covid, and with a drop in engagement during that period, the committee had not met regularly. I took on the chair role in 2022 and with the assistance of the BCS groups support setup committee meetings, as well as getting several new members |
| 2. BCS Members survey on AI and Ethics, and development of white paper. | The SG group – with Adem Certel, Berndt Stahl, Gillian Arnold and myself as leads – developed a questionnaire and a follow up white paper (in final prep now). The highlights were announced for the 2023 AI summit held by the UK government, with the white paper itself to follow. |
| 3. Engagement with other BCS groups/activities | The refreshed committee has been able to engage with and support other BCS activities, including giving input to a development of a AI ethics CPD resource, taking part in a BCS AI and ethics panel, and being on other policy making groups such as Quantum computing. |

# **Plans**

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

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| **Planned Activity** | **Additional Comments** |
| 1. Online members focussed meetings on ethics topics |  |
| 2. Physical (possibly hybrid) event on ethics  |  |
| 3.improved visibility of group | e.g. with article for IT now on ethics and AI developing some of the unpublished results from the 2023 survey |

# **Impediments**

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and supporting the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

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| **Impediment** | **Description** |
| 1. Time of committee members
 | Whilst there is a lot of commitment, we all have limited time |
| 1. Lack of a events coordinate
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| 1. lack of a communications officer
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# **Additional Facts and Figures**

Please provide any facts and figures that would be helpful to the Community Team and the CSC for further analysis and future activity planning.

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| The committee has grown to 18 members, though turnout at meetings is usually around 1/3 of that. We have 469 on the SG general members list.  |

# **Further Comments**

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team and the CSC, please give them below.

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| Thanks to the support from the BCS groups team, for our comms and other activities.Especial thanks for the support through Gillian for the ethics and AI survey, and the work with the publications and policy team on developoing that into a final version. |

# **Nominations for Awards and Recognition**

The BCS recognises deserving voluntary service. If you know someone who warrants one of these awards, please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you need clarification on completing the form, the Community team can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels to the Recognition of Appreciation award:

* **Certificate of Appreciation** – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
* **Meritorious Certificate** – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
* **John Ivinson Award** – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers annually.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of voluntary contributions to the BCS.

# Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a committee member for an award of recognition. A Community Team member will get in touch to help you complete the process:

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| **Group/Branch Member** | **Years of BCS Volunteering** | **Nomination** |
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# Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:

* At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
* To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.