

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH
WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT THE PACKHORSE,
SOUTH BRENT ON SEPTEMBER 25th, 2007**

Present: Prof S Furnell, Dr P Dowland, Mr K Chamberlain, Mr E Draper, Ms J Kneller, Ms S Karatzouni, Mr J Fieldsend

Apologies: Mrs S Atkinson, Dr N Clarke

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 26th JUNE

None

- Ted Draper introduced Jonathan Fieldsend as our contact and co-ordinator for Exeter University School of Computing who he met during the graduation presentations. The Committee agreed to co-opt Jonathon onto the Branch Committee.

EVENTS PROGRAMME – 2007-08

- October – Intel representative cannot be contacted. Possibility of IBM Software engineering via Exeter Univ to be tried as a fallback
- November – Colin Smith, WebRoot – “The State of Spyware” confirmed for 13th November
- Nov/Dec – Dr. Jon Holt – UML – still to be confirmed
- January – Dr Andrew Egglestone - “Impact of IT on the marine navigator” confirmed at Royal Western Yacht Club on Wednesday 16th January
- March - Dr Michael Evans – “ProBlogging: Money, Metrics and Mentalism in the Long-Tail world of the Web” confirmed for Tuesday 11th March

NC reported no further progress with Cornwall event

AGM Event – Ideas needed

Schools Competition:

- “Future of Computing” – Artwork competition
- BCS running “Comic sketch competition” – possibility to offer Branch prizes
- Poster/drawing to promote “Safety for Children using IT” – KC to investigate sponsorship of prizes

Student Project Evening:

- Considered a good idea, but is it going to be supported. Exeter would be positive, and funding is available.
- SK offered to organise details and ask students for expressions of interest during Autumn term
- Need to organise suitable date for both Exeter and Plymouth – possibly split prizes 1 for Exeter and 1 for Plymouth if common date cannot be found.

AUTUMN CONGRESS

KC to attend, and try to meet with BMC mentor

FINANCE MATTERS

This year £840 had so far been spent (including Student prizes), out of the £3362. budget.

In addition to catering, charges for Plymouth Univ. rooms may need to be included in budget.

Budget bid has to be in by October (not February as previously) – based on last year, but with conference sponsorship extended to Exeter Univ. too.

BCS HQ MATTERS

Recently received promotional material received from HQ was circulated by KC. Student membership details were passed to both Universities. ED has the CDROM.

A survey about electoral reform relating to BCS Council has been received – KC to consider in relation to Autumn Congress.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

From last year's AGM, a representative from FlyBe had expressed interest in joining the Branch Committee

It was agreed that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 20th, 7.30pm at the Pack Horse Inn, South Brent.**

KSC
17/11/2007