

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH
WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT THE COWICK
BARTON INN, EXETER ON JANUARY 14th, 2008**

Present: Prof S Furnell (SF), Dr P Dowland (PD), Mr K Chamberlain (KC), Mr E Draper (ED), Ms J Kneller (JK), Dr J Fieldsend (JF), Dr N Clarke (NC), Mr. Chris Cooper (CC)

Apologies: Mrs S Atkinson (SA), Ms S Karatzouni (SK),

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 20th NOVEMBER

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

Chairman welcomed Chris Cooper from FlyBe, based at Exeter airport, and the Committee agreed to co-opt CC to the Committee until the AGM in accordance with rule 4.9.

- School's Competition – 70 –80 students are booked for the workshops. KC to attend and present the BCS competition element to distinguish it from Plymouth University content. **NC to co-ordinate entries.**
- Student Project – No further progress - **SK to research dates with universities and contact BCS re HQ information available**

EVENTS PROGRAMME – 2007-08

- No further response from Max Hughes re Health Informatics – **SF to follow up possible dates**
- **January** – 18 members booked for “Impact of IT on Marine Navigator”. Poster from HQ received.
- **February** – Freeform Dynamics booked for “Turning IT Security Inside Out” on 12th in Plymouth.
- **March** – Dr. Michael Evans on “ProBlogging: Money, Metrics and Mentalism in the Long-Tail world of the Web” booked for 11th at Plymouth
- **April** – Provisional Student Project evening(s), Health Informatics or UML. There may be problems with Student Project evenings as Exeter and Plymouth dates do not match. May need to hold 2 events with small prizes for each evening and 1 overall prize.
- KC reported that Intel had not responded, but Jon Holt was still available but needed to confirm dates
- JF reported that IBM were not available, TCL (Testing) were OK subject to dates and GCHQ (Hacking) also available, possibly focussing on rootkits.
- Further investigation to be continued by:
 - **KC –Dr. Jon Holt (UML)**
 - **JF – TCL (Testing) and GCHQ (Hacking)**
- Agreed to organise AGM at Exeter University, and invite GCHQ as speaker. Provisional date 13th May, AGM at 7pm, Speaker 7:30. **JF to arrange**

SPRING BRANCHES CONGRESS

PD had investigated if Plymouth Univ. could provide recording facilities – they were available, but no information yet as to costs. **PD to follow up.**

KC indicated that he would be willing to stand for election to BMC, and asked if the Branch committee would support his nomination, and for 2 members to formally nominate. All supported his nomination and SF & ED agreed to nominate. **KC to complete nomination form**

FINANCE MATTERS

This year £1126 had so far been spent (including Student prizes), out of the £3988. budget. Provision of £500 to purchase prizes for Schools competition was agreed.

BCS HQ MATTERS

HQ have proposed possibility of pin badges for 10, 15 and 20 years service on Branch committee. None of our committee members have served that long, so not relevant at present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- All committee members were reminded to check and update their profiles on the branch website (www.bcswest.org.uk). **ALL to send updates to PD**
- ISSA (Information Systems Security Association) had approached the Branch to consider running co-hosted events. Committee agreed to investigate possibilities for next year's program.
- Plymouth Chamber of Commerce were running an IT conference on 1st May – have asked if we could promote to members via email list – Agreed.

It was agreed that the next committee meeting will be on:

Monday March 3rd 2008, 7.00pm at The Packhorse Inn, South Brent.

(KC to book and confirm venue)

KSC
02/02/2008