

## Minutes of October 2010 Meeting of the Northampton Branch BCS Committee

Meeting Held 8pm, 6th October, UCN Avenue Campus, Northampton

### Present

Malcolm Collins – Chair Person  
Andrew Page – Secretary  
Gary Hill - ELO  
Scott Turner - Public Relations Officer  
Sarith Chandra – YPG Rep.  
Rashmi Dravid – Female Membership Officer  
Pat Twistelton – Membership Officer  
Bary Crook – Email co-ord.  
Mariam Abdulrazak – YPG Student  
Bob Ray – General Committee  
Barny Duffy – General Committee

### Apologies

Dave Ellard – Webmaster  
Paul Squires – Treasurer  
Scott Bullock – General Committee Member

### Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes for the last meeting were accepted.

### Matters Arising

There is a Branches Convention in London on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010, Pat Twistelton to attend.

### Actions Review

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Complete
0209-06	Arrange Skills for the recovery event. Date and location agreed as 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2011 at UoN, Avenue campus. Central question and structure of event settled, some speakers approached. Committee members to be approached for suggestions for more speakers.	Sarith/Andy	In progress
0209-07	Arrange Health Data Network event for Jan '11 Dave E	Dave E	On hold
0310-04	Branch AGM. Book venue & refreshments.	Malcolm/Gary	Done
0310-05	Information Overload event Nov 2010	Malcolm	In progress
0310-10	Student prize giving, 2 members to attend	Malcolm / Andy	Done
0710-11	Prizes and refreshments for women in engineering event	Andy / Rashmi	Done
0710-12	3D Computing event, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Scott T	Dec.
0710-13	Check on use of YPG list server group	Malcolm	Done
0710-14	Look into BCS branded memory sticks	?	In limbo
0910-01	Member groups convention	Pat	In progress
0910-02	Colossus visit, June 2011	Malcolm	In progress

### Treasurers report

Provided earlier in the evening at the AGM

### Membership report

Total branch membership 916. Male 765, Female 145, other 6.

A vote was held on Bedford Branch's suggestion that new members to the BCS, who's Post Code fell within certain prescribed Milton Keynes Post Codes, should be allocated by default to the Bedford Branch rather than the Northampton Branch. This suggestion was rejected. Instead an alternative suggestion was put forward, that HQ change their online joining procedure to highlight to all members, whilst they are completing the online membership form, which branch they were about to be allocated to by default. All new members would then have the opportunity to choose the branch they were to be a member of. In this way potential members in areas where more than once local branch was available, would be able to look at the choice of branches available to them and select from a drop down the one they wanted.

## Digital Media Event Replacement

Bob Ray to organise Computer Forensics event for April/May 2011

## Christmas Event

It was suggested that a Christmas meal be arranged, possibly at Mumtaz or Balti Express in Northampton (*Can someone volunteer to head this up, check out venue's how many would come and suggest dates?*).

## Audio Conferences

After the less than satisfactory performance of Skype at the September meeting, Malcolm has suggested a trial of Conference Genie prior to the next committee meeting. Committee members were asked to check out the site and provide feedback prior to possible test of the service early in December.

## Deputy-Deputy Webmaster

With both Dave Ellard and Paul Squires unavailable to update the website for a couple of weeks due to work commitments, the branch needs some else who is able to do it. Sarith has offered to look at it.

## Current Programme

9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010	<b>Information Overload</b> Ian Price, Grimsdyke Consulting. Details to follow. Malcolm to organise
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	<b>3D Computing Event</b> Scott Turner to organise at UCN Avenue campus. Please provide ½ page overview of event for entering onto the web site.
Jan/Feb 2011	(as we have a slot available here, could Mariam (with the assistance of Gary & Rashmi) organise some form of student event .. Bowling night,? Malcolm's suggestion after the meeting!
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011	<b>Skills for the Recovery/Recession?</b> Details to follow, Sarith Chandra to organise with help from Andy Page
Apr/May 2011	<b>Computer Forensics</b> Details to follow. Bob Ray to organise.
Jun 2011	<b>Colossus Event, Bletchley Park</b>

## Future Programme

Ideas for 2011/12

- Silverstone & Mercedes racing IT.
- Speed networking for YPG in Oct?
- Parallel computing & computing.
- Quantum computing.

## Any Other Business

No.

## Date of Next Meeting

December, online.

## Actions

### Carried Over

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0209-06	Arrange Skills for the credit crunch / recovery event for 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011	Sarith / Andy	By Mar 2011
0209-07	Arrange Health Data Network event for Jan 2011	Dave E	Postponed
0310-05	Information Overload event 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Malcolm	Nov 2010
0710-12	3D Computing event, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Scott T	Dec.
0910-02	Colossus visit, June 2011	Malcolm	In progress
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### New

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0610-01	Computer Forensics event Apr/May 2011	Bob Ray	Apr/May 2011
0610-02	Look into Conference Genie site	All	Dec 2011
0610-03	Christmas dinner	?	Dec/Jan