

Paul Isaac's, PR Officer, BCS Northamptonshire

This is my first ever term on a BCS committee. I am responsible for ensuring that our branch and its events are promoted through local & national media and various BCS channels. As a committee member I attend regular committee meetings and aim to represent the branch in my PR capacity at appropriate national meetings. My remit is also to help organise branch events.

An IT Professional (MBCS, MIEEE, AIITT) with 22 years experience gained in a variety of enterprises, I am an infrastructure and integration specialist. I also source, select and manage in-house and third party IT systems.

Apart from spending all my spare breaks, lunches and evenings sat in front of computers programming at school from age 11, I began my IT career back in 1987 as a night-shift Data-Entry Operator on a DEC VAX 11/750 for a frozen food distribution warehouse. Over the years I've also been a programmer, support engineer, network analyst, consultant, trainer, technology strategist in Silicon Valley – California, strategy manager, enterprise manager who has successfully managed a £50m/qtr international business and since 2003 I've been running my own IT Consultancy/Contracting business. So I've started right at the very bottom and worked my way up.

I first became involved with journalistic tendencies writing for an internal company newsletter in 1988. I became the front-man representing an organisation around 1994 when I weekly rounded-up and cajoled a 150-membership strong bunch of expats to walk/run in the arabian desert. Since then public speaking/shouting has never been an issue!

Outside of work I enjoy scuba diving, running, playing the flute and whilst some of my kids are grown up I'm a proud parent of 5! Oh and in my "spare time" I'm studying for my MSc Networks & Distributed Systems through the Open University.