

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	BCS Nottingham & Derby
Year:	2020/2021
Report Completed By:	Paul Stevens

Group Chair:	Paul Stevens
Group Treasurer:	Edward Magnuszewski
Group Secretary:	Chris Lynch
Group Inclusion Officer:	Beverley Cook
Early Careers Advocate	Mathew Whillans
Other Committee Members:	Tracy King, Gary Lefman, David Miller, Subbu Krishna Sarma, Peter Eldridge, Matt Mason, Tariq Abdullah

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Programme, Practice, and Policy (PPP) Committee 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, your completion of this report supports not only your group but 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.

Success	Additional Comments
1. Education Liaison. All universities in the branch geographic area have remained in contact and invited to future branch meetings.	Requires active management by the Education Liaison Officer 2021/2022.
2. Joint Events. Two events were jointly hosted by the branch and CIISec (East Midlands). One event with NTU/IEEE.	CIISec wish to continue to develop joint events in 2021/2022.
3. Events Programme. The branch maintained a full programme despite the effects of the pandemic	The Events Coordinator will need to prepare the format for physical/hybrid events in 2022.

Plans

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

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Program of Events. Produce a monthly event except July, August and December.	Plan for the Universities in the area to each develop one event. NTU have agreed to do Jan 2022.
2. Under the assumption that BCS Leicester does not reform, contact Universities to advise on Student Prizes	This will place an additional burden on the Early Careers Advocate, if the individual concerned also covers Education Liaison

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3. Return to some physical events but maintain a virtual channel.	The hybrid format needs to be developed.
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Impediments

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

Impediment	Description
1. The Covid-19 pandemic which has restricted physical meetings, has reduced the opportunities to network.	Key impacts are the recruitment of new members to the committee, and the encouragement of event attendees to join the BCS
2. Enlarging the branch area coverage to factor in BCS Leicester's Universities will put strain on The ELO.	Possibly look to create a second ELO to cover outside Nottingham & Derby.
3.	

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

Month	SPEAKER(S)	Genre	Registration				Attendance				YouTube Views			
			BCS	Non-BCS	Speakers	Organiser	Total Reg.	BCS	Non-BCS	Speakers		Organisers in	Signed Attendance	
SEP	Gareth Naylor	EA	32	10	0	0	42	20	3	1	2	26	61.90%	32
	David Alexander; Matt Mason; Darren James;													
OCT	Tony Smith;	Security	110	55	0	2	167	29	24	0	0	53	31.74%	122
NOV	Peter Wood	Security	139	57	0	1	197	89	25	0	0	114	57.87%	0*
JAN	John Wright	Security	101	49	1	1	152	46	37	1	0	84	55.26%	45
	Liam Gulliver and Paul Gallagher													
FEB	Gallagher	Development	95	41	1	0	137	38	34	1	0	73	53.28%	14
MAR	Mike Haber	EA	49	53	1	0	103	21	39	1	0	61	59.22%	129
	Sarah Knowles, Darren James, George Glass													
APR	James, George Glass	Security	156	64	2	2	224	56	47	2	1	106	47.32%	17
MAY	Farhad Fassihi	Strategy	34	25	0	1	60	16	19	0	1	36	60.00%	19
JUN	Alistair Mavin	Development					93							4

Further Comments

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

- Basecamp has proven to be a very useful communication and collaboration tool.
- Please provide access to anonymised branch data.
- Greater communication with the branch regarding activities what HQ are undertaking in the branch's geographic area.

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of 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 per year.

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

Volunteer Recognition

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

Group/Branch Member	Years of BCS Volunteering	Nomination

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.

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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.