

Bristol Branch AGM

Start: 03/05/2017 - 18:30

Venue: **Engine Shed**

I have pleasure in inviting you to the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Branch of BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT, which will be held on 03rd May 2017 from 6:30 p.m. at the Engine Shed, followed by 'AI & Robotic Ethics' talks.

The agenda will be as follows.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th Sep 2015
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee
6. Any Other Business

Copies of the last AGM Minutes and the Officers' reports will be distributed at the AGM.

Chairman Report: Sept 2015 to April 2017

This is my first report as Branch Chairman and I have to report that we have had a challenging time (April 16 to Dec 16) for the Branch and its Committee. There have been a number of reasons for this including the nature of the IT industry and the increasing demands on staff time, adversely affecting availability of committee members and the branch members to attend meetings. The unexpected loss of several committee members and our regular venue did not help. The committee regrouped, we decided to reduce the frequency of the meetings to one every 6 to 8 weeks and with new blood and improved publicity we now have an attractive programme and if the first 2 talks this year are anything to go by, we hope a regular full house.

The following meetings were held during this period:

Date	Topic	Speaker
13-Oct-15	Personal Productivity with a Tablet	Ed Fry
26-Jan-16	The importance of Cyber Resilience	Maggie Kneller
07-Mar-16	Industrial experience with Agile in high-integrity software development	Roderick Chapman
01-Mar-17	Machine Learning & AI	Nigel Toon, Professor Jim Smith

Putting together a programme takes much time and effort and I would like to thank

the branch committee for their magnificent contributions this year. Lloyd Skinner,

Stuart Ward, Jess Jones, Julian Eley. Special thanks go to the Officers of the branch, Maggie Kneller our Secretary and Ian Marshall the Treasurer.

Maggie and Ian who have served the Bristol BCS branch for a long time are sadly not seeking re-election. Very special thanks also to Mike Bartley who chaired the Bristol BCS with distinction for a number of years until his resignation last year.

We are seeking more people so please do volunteer if you can.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for attending this evening and for your continued support of the Bristol Branch of the BCS

Dinos Appla, May 2017

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report September 2015 - April 2017

The expenditure and income is much reduced from 2014-2015 since several speakers were not available and the meetings had to be cancelled. There has been very little expenditure so far this year (since September 2016) due to reorganisation and Lloyd's success in getting sponsorship.

Income		Expenditure	
£4195	Central Funds 2015-2016	£700	Branch Costs
£1100	SFRs	£1040	Digimakers events
£4195	Central Funds 2016-2017	£14.23	Branch Costs (so far)
£9490	Total	£1754.23	Total

Unspent income is returned to Central Funds.

A budget for 2016-2017 was submitted on time and the central fund allocation of £4195 was granted. The branch is no longer involved with Digimakers and hence no funding has been requested or incurred for this. A budget for 2017-2018 has recently been submitted for a similar amount to 2016-2017 but the outcome has not yet been decided.

Ian Marshall

May 2017

Election of Committee

Some existing members of the committee are standing for re-election in the roles shown below.

Your Branch committee needs your support to continue in its work for all members. We need new committee members to help us plan, publicise and run our events, and would be grateful for all nominations to join the committee either by email directly to the chair dinos.appla@bcs.org.uk or in person on the day of the AGM.

Current Committee & Roles

Name	Current Role	Re-Election
Dinos Appla	Acting Honorary Chairman	Chairman
Maggie Kneller	Honorary Secretary	
Ian Marshall	Honorary Treasurer	
Julian Eley	Disability Support Officer	
Jessica Jones	YPG Officer	
Lloyd Skinner	Programme Card Co-ordinator	Programme Card Co-ordinator
Anne Blanchflower	Social Media / Publicity	
Jess Jones	YPG Liaison	
Stuart Ward	Webmaster	Webmaster
Russel Stokes		
Max Maybury		