

# British Computer Society Swiss Section

## Chairperson's Annual Report 2007-2008

The BCS Swiss Section was started in 2004.

The 2006-2007 Annual General Meeting held on 14.06.2007 at the Hotel National in Bern. The committee was elected as follows:

- Chairman: Mike Bellhouse
- Secretary Ahmad Abu El-Ata
- Treasurer Peter Hurst
- E-mail coordinator Mike Lewis
- Webmaster Mike Lewis
- Membership Secretary Paul Hicks
- Committee Member Adrian Harper
- Committee Member Paul Kennerley

Meetings were held in Zurich based on the location of members and hosts. We offered budget to anyone willing to organise a meeting in Geneva but there were no volunteers.

For financial reasons international sections were not invited to the BCS Congress meeting in 2007. Information and support from HQ has improved again and we hope that this will continue. There are plans for an international congress in 2009 or 2010.

On 03.07.2007 we held a meeting in Zurich for a presentation from BT about BT's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Network. Unfortunately none of the committee could attend but Hilary Green kindly volunteered to chair the meeting.

On 08.11.2007 Mike Lewis hosted a social gathering at the Paddy O'Reilly pub in Zurich. 11 people attended and enjoyed the networking opportunity. We will repeat this type of event in the future but in a quieter location so that communication is easier.

Since few members attended the AGM in Bern which was located there to allow more members to attend we decided to hold the AGM this year in Zurich.

The website has continued to cause problems for us and we hope that there will be some support from BCS Headquarters for this – an issue that was raised at the international sections meeting 3 years ago.

Business commitments of committee members have imposed even greater restrictions on our activities this year. It is hoped that we will find a solution to this for the next year. We would especially welcome ideas for any meetings and in particular, volunteers from the Geneva/Lausanne area to host meetings in that area for which budget is available

The chairman would like to thank all members of the committee for the hard work they put in over the year. In particular Mike Lewis worked hard on trying to keep members informed via our emails. Peter Hurst kept the books in order and Paul Hicks kept our membership list in order and started the process of actively contacting new members. All of the committee members are prepared to stand again.

Mike Bellhouse  
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