

## **British Computer Society Swiss Section**

### **Chairperson's Annual Report 2010-2011**

The BCS Swiss Section was started in 2004.

The 2009-2010 Annual General Meeting was held on 23.09.2010 at the Bluewin Tower (Swisscom AG) in Zurich. The committee was elected as follows:

- Chairman: Mike Bellhouse
- Secretary Paul Kennerley
- Treasurer Peter Hurst
- E-mail coordinator Mike Lewis
- Webmaster Mike Lewis
- Membership Secretary Paul Hicks
- Committee Member Adrian Harper
- Committee Member Jeff Hunter

Adrian Harper decided to resign from the BCS and hence from the committee. We thank Adrian for his contribution over the past few years and look forward to seeing him at future meetings.

All of the meetings for the last year were held in Zurich based on the location and activity of members. Unfortunately we were unable to arrange a meeting in the west this year. We offer budget to anyone willing to organise a meeting elsewhere in Switzerland.

Although the Swiss Section was invited to Members convention and other meetings in London we could not find any volunteers to attend because of business and other commitments. Information and support from HQ has again been good this year and we hope that this will continue.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the past year was the meeting organized by Jeff Hunter. Peter Taylor talked to us about "The Lazy Project Manager" and Val Kaelin arranged an excellent meeting room and refreshments at Crealogix E-Banking AG in Zurich. We are grateful for their support.

On 10.02.2011, 10.03.2011 and 14.07.2010 the committee hosted a social gathering at pubs in Zurich. Attendance was usually about 10 people who enjoyed the networking opportunity. The James Joyce pub has proved to be a good choice – not too noisy and we can book a table

Our website has run smoothly this year and thanks go to Mike Lewis for keeping it up to date, setting up Doodles and sending emails prior to our meetings.

Business commitments of committee members have again imposed heavy restrictions on our activities this year. Again it is hoped that we will find a solution to this for the next year. We would especially welcome ideas for any meetings and volunteers to host meetings, for which budget is available. Suggestions for boosting attendance are also welcome.

The chairman offered to step down because business commitments mean that he is often away. No volunteers have come forward to take over the position.

The chairman would like to thank all members of the committee for the work they put in over the year. Paul Kennerley has recorded the minutes of our meetings and looked after meeting reports for HQ. Peter Hurst kept the books in order and Paul Hicks kept our membership list in order. All of the committee members are prepared to stand again.

Mike Bellhouse

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