

## **BCS Swiss Section**

### **Chairperson's Annual Report 2011-2012**

The BCS Swiss Section was started in 2004.

The 2010-2011 Annual General Meeting was held on 7.10.2011 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 Calvert Marshall
- Committee Member Jeff Hunter

Paul Kennerley is stepping down from the committee. We thank Paul for his contribution over the past years and look forward to seeing him at future meetings.

The chairman regrets that for business reasons he has not been able to attend many of the meetings. I am prepared to step down if another more active chair can be found but I am prepared to stand again otherwise.

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.

At the last AGM we agreed on a programme of events for the year and I am pleased to report that with slight changes to the dates the committee has followed through with this program.

There were 2 talks "Deploying Enterprise Applications in the Cloud: A Researcher's View" from Dr. Horacio González-Vélez FRSA on 22.11.11. In summer Dr. Peter Parkes presented "Neurolinguistic Programming for Project Managers" on 28.06.12. Both talks were well received and we are grateful to Swisscom and Jeff Hunter for hosting both of these events.

On 12.01.2012, 8.03.2012 and 12.07.2012 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 tables available.

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. 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 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 except for Paul Kennerley are prepared to stand again.

Mike Bellhouse 24.09.2012