

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the UK Computing Research Committee on Monday 13th June 2011 at 10:30 at IET, 2 Savoy Place, London, WC2R OBL

PRESENT

Paul Davies (IET)
Dave Robertson

Chris Hankin (Chair)
Morris Sloman

Bill Mitchell (BCS)
Joe Sventek

BY INVITATION

Christina Turner (EPSRC)

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Berry (IET)

Maxine Leslie (BCS)

Kate Norman (BCS)

APOLOGIES

Liam Blackwell (EPSRC)
Wendy Hall
Ursula Martin

Erol Gelenbe
Cliff Jones
Fionn Murtagh

Darren Gladwin (IET)
Martin Loomes (CPHC)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received as above.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2011 were APPROVED for transfer to the UKCRC website.

ACTION: DGLadwin

2.1. Matters Arising

Website update

Covered under Chair's Report.

REF

Covered under agenda item 7

3 CHAIR'S REPORT

3.1 Grand Challenges

Chair has been in contact with Vicki Hanson (Dundee), the convenor of the Healthcare Grand Challenge. A Healthcare Workshop has been provisionally scheduled to coincide with the AGA on 19th March 2012 at the IET. Vicki Hanson will organise speakers for this event.

3.2 European Matters

The six thematic Future and Emerging Technology flagship pilot projects were launched at the FET 11 conference in Budapest during the first week in May 2011.

3.3 Website

Chair will arrange to meet with Darren Gladwin once he is back at work, to discuss the updating the UKCRC website.

ACTION: Chair

3.4 Computer Science Graduate employment

Chair confirmed that David Willetts did write a letter to Andrew Herbert. As a result a number of JACS codes have been identified in order to track students taking an engineering or science-focused degree in computing. NOTED: This needs to be highlighted to CPHC and to BCS. Chair will contact Muffy Calder and ask her to email Lachlan MacKinnon on this subject.

ACTION: Chair

3.5 BCS Academy Research Committee

BCS Research Committee is working with BIS and TIC on complex software systems. A stakeholders meeting will be scheduled for August. The Chair of the Research Committee suggested that there should be UKCRC representation at this meeting. Prior to the meeting taking place a teleconference will be scheduled and this will be chaired by Muffy Calder.

Due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a delay in launching the Academy website.

Chair confirmed that this year's Sparck Jones Lecture had been a success. This will be co-located with the Symposium in even years. The date for this has yet to be confirmed.

4 EPSRC UPDATE

NOTED: John Baird has taken over from John Hand at the EPSRC.

Report RECEIVED and NOTED.

The Landscape documents will be published on the web in July 2011. These will be updated to reflect evolving thinking throughout the four year delivery plan period. Following publication the ICT team will set up a teleconference with members of the community so that they can put forward their views.

AGREED: Members of the Executive Committee should be involved in this discussion.

5 MEMBERSHIP PANEL

Report RECEIVED and NOTED.

Chair confirmed that all 3 recent applicants for UKCRC Membership have been successfully elected as new members and that he has contacted them all.

Chair urged committee members to nominate potential candidates for UKCRC Membership.

6 CONSULTATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

UKCRC has responded to one public consultation since February:

EU Green Paper on a common strategic framework for EU research and innovation funding.

There are two currently in preparation which are:

Public consultation on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology

Royal Society consultation on science as a public enterprise.

7 REF GROUP

Main changes from RAE 2008 are as follows:

- There are now 4 main panels (Medicine, Science and Engineering, Humanities and the Arts), each with 6-11 subpanels.
- Computer Science and Informatics (B11) with Engineering, Maths, Physics and Chemistry.
- The main common criteria are considered at panel level, with only minor variations at subpanel level.
- Percentages are: Outputs 65%, Environment 15% and Impact 20%.
- Quality profiles in steps of 1% not 5%.

CSI has requested to use either Google Scholar and ISI or Scopus.

Panel criteria will be published by the end of July 2011 and finalised by the end of the first week in October 2011. Opportunity for community response will be available between these dates and workshops will be scheduled.

Chair suggested a combined response with CPHC, and he will contact Lachlan MacKinnon to discuss this.

ACTION: Chair

8 REPORTS

8.1 CPHC

Nothing to report

NOTED: Martin Loomes from the CPHC Committee has been elected as the CPHC representative and will attend UKCRC Meetings.

8.2 BCS Academy

The following updates were reported:

The Head of Corporate Development at Google is setting up a Specialist Group in BCS for Entrepreneurs. BCS are investigating ways it can assist this.

A letter has been sent to Rt Hon Michael Gove by BCS and major Employers stressing the need for all children to have the option to study computing in school between the ages of 11 to 16.

9 AOB

9.1 UKCRC Elections

Chair confirmed the following:

- Terms of Office for Erol Gelenbe, Morris Sloman and Fionn Murtagh will expire in November 2011.
- Erol and Morris wish to re-stand, Fionn will stand-down.
- Wendy Hall has indicated that due to her work schedule she will also stand-down.
- A call for nominations will be circulated to members within the next ten days.
- The committee members are invited to nominate appropriate UKCRC members for election.

9.2 UKCRC representation on the CPHC Committee

AGREED: That it is important that UKCRC continue to have a link with CPHC.

It was suggested that either a joint annual meeting is scheduled or if the UKCRC Chair is unable to attend CPHC's scheduled meetings throughout the year then a member of the Executive Committee should attend in his place.

Chair will contact Lachlan MacKinnon to discuss this.

ACTION: Chair

9.3 Future meeting dates

AGREED: The scheduled dates for the November meeting and the 2012 dates will remain unchanged.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2012

Monday 19th March 2012 at 10.30, IET Offices, London

Monday 11th June 2012 at 10.30, BCS Offices, London

Monday 5th November 2012 at 10.30, IET Offices, London