Final Reminder for Branch Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that the Branch AGM has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 9th May 2001**. It will begin at **6.00pm** and the talk which follows will start at **6.30pm**.

The talk will be given by **Professor David Hartley** of the University of Cambridge, whose subject will be the **Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre** of which he is the executive director. His thesis will be that a University spin-off can be financially independent but motivated by science, rather than by money.

(See http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk)

The Sidney Michaelson Memorial Symposium

'Feats and Frontiers' an A.I. Symposium
Edinburgh, Saturday 7 April 2001

'Feats and Frontiers' is a celebration of the practical achievements of artificial intelligence over the last 30 years and a look ahead to the emerging technologies that will shape IT in the first quarter of the new millennium.

For a last-minute place see:
www.dcs.napier.ac.uk/~mac/AI.html
or contact Peter Barker at 0131 667 6455 or
PeterBarker@bcs.org.uk

Professional Current awareness course

The course will be a repeat of the introduction to UML (Universal Modelling Language) which was given last year at Heriot-Watt University's Riccarton Campus. The presenter will be Pauline Wilcox of Heriot-Watt University, and there will be four Tuesday evening sessions from 6.30 to 8.30pm starting on 24th April 2001, and ending on 15th May.

See over for more details and an application form.

Rebranding the BCS

The President and Council of the Society have been considering for some time how a larger proportion of IT professionals in the UK might be persuaded to join the BCS. At an open meeting in Edinburgh on 21st February, the President of the Society, Alastair Macdonald, together with Colin Thompson of the headquarters staff, and Ian Ritchie a Past President and member of Edinburgh Branch committee put forward the latest thinking on the future of the Society. The presentations were followed by a lively discussion.

One immediate and obvious change will be the appearance of a new BCS logo on all of the Society's publications and stationery.
For the latest on these developments see
http://www.bcs.org.uk/news/2001/visits.htm

BCS Proms-G Scotland

The second meeting of the group will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday 5th April 2001.

The guest speaker will be Grant Rule of Software Measurement Services Ltd and the theme and title of his presentation will be
"Looking at Project Management from the viewpoint of producing measurable requirements, estimating based on required functionality and controlling scope creep. (i.e. the demand side)".

Grant's presentation will be of approx. 45 minutes duration with 15 minutes for questions etc.

The event will be held at:
Registers of Scotland, Meadowbank House
153 London Road, Edinburgh.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be provided.
Attendance is not restricted to BCS or BCS Proms-G members. There is no charge for these events and no need to book a place. Just turn up at the door.

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