



# BCS

THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

# Capital

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## The Programme for 2003/4

Welcome to another year of events organised by the Edinburgh Branch of the BCS. As the new chair of the branch committee, I should first like to thank Alison Crerar for her hard work and dedication to the affairs of the Branch over the last three years. She has certainly set a high standard to follow.

As always, the committee has worked hard over the last few months to arrange a programme of talks on a variety of up to the minute topics in Computer Science and Information Systems. We hope that there is something of interest to everyone.

After the success of the Extreme Programming meeting in 2002, the season kicks off with a joint meeting with Agile Scotland - "So you thought you knew Agile" given by Ken Schwaber.

The remainder of the programme is set out on the card that you will have received with this edition of Capital. The committee tries to cover a wide range of topics, from web services to equipment for disabled users, and from wireless LANs to access to census statistics, but inevitably we can't please everybody. Pencil some of these events into your diary now and don't forget that non-members are equally welcome to attend, so please let your colleagues know of upcoming talks. Occasionally we provide wine and nibble - see the Branch web site to find out when.

If you have suggestions for meeting topics please feel free to contact me or any other member of the committee with suggestions or comments for next year's programme.

In addition to the lecture programme, Professional Current Awareness courses are planned. Dr Andrew Ireland will be repeating his popular course on Software Testing. Other courses are planned for later in the season. They are ideal for keeping you abreast of current developments, more extensively

than the standard evening meeting, but not as a replacement for commercial training courses. I look forward to meeting you at one (or preferably more) of our evening meetings.

**Peter King**  
Branch Chair

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## Young Professionals Group (YPG)

At this time last year we appealed in this newsletter for an Edinburgh Branch member to represent the branch in the Young Professionals Group. The committee members are not getting any younger so a note of desperation may now be detected.

You do not have to join the YPG. All BCS members of whatever membership grade are automatically members of YPG provided their age does not exceed 35. The Group organises a range of activities and services for members, and details can be found on the web at [www.bcs.org/ypg](http://www.bcs.org/ypg).

It is important that the YPG is represented on branch committees. If you are a YPG member and could spare a little time to liaise with the Group and attend Branch Committee meetings please contact the branch secretary Mike Hurst [mhurst@bcs.org.uk](mailto:mhurst@bcs.org.uk).

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## Branch Courses

Continuing our series of Professional Current Awareness Courses we are offering a repeat of

- Software Testing on four Monday Evenings 6.30pm-8:30pm commencing 20th October 2003 (see over for details).

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Branch web site [www.edinburgh.bcs.org](http://www.edinburgh.bcs.org)

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