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Letter from the Branch Chairman

Dear Colleague,

A New Year has come and gone, and the Edinburgh Branch programme is in full swing. Already this year we have had excellent presentations on 'Hacking and the Law' (complementing the talk on 'Ethical Hacking' last December) and on 'Speckled Computing'. All the meetings this season have been very well attended, with over 40 in most audiences.

The next meeting will be on March 16th when Julie Howell from RNIB will talk about 'Web Sites that work: Web Usability for Disabled People'. This meeting will also be the occasion for the first presentation of the 'BCS Edinburgh Computing in the Community Award'; see opposite for details.

Unfortunately, the Sidney Michaelson lecture that was scheduled for **6th April** has had to be **cancelled**.

The Branch AGM on May 11th will be followed by David Killen from GCHQ talking about the Mathematics of Search Engines. As always, your nominations for Branch Officers and Committee Members would be most welcome, and should be forwarded to Mike Hurst, although Committee members can be nominated from the floor of the meeting.

By popular demand, Pritam Chita's course on Prince2 is to be repeated on Tuesday evenings 1st, 8th and 15th of March. At the time of going to press there are still some places available. See panel on the right for details.

The committee is already putting together a programme of talks and courses for next winter. **Suggestions for lectures or for current awareness courses would be most welcome.**

I look forward to meeting many of you at the remaining meetings this session,

Yours sincerely,

Peter King

Branch Chairman

New Branch Award

BCS Edinburgh Branch has instituted a 'Computing in the Community Award' to recognise the achievements of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution locally. Eligibility criteria are on the Branch web site and nominations can be made by any Member.

The first recipients of the Award are Jim and Rosita McKenzie, a visually impaired couple, who will be honoured at a presentation at the Branch Meeting on 16 March. Please note that this meeting has been moved from the usual venue to the **Apex Hotel, Grassmarket**. Refreshments will be available from 6.10 p.m. The speaker is Julie Howell (RNIB) who will speak on web usability. Come along and support this event.

Branch Course

As part of our series of Professional Current Awareness Courses we ran an introduction to Prince2 (**PR**ojects **IN** **C**ontrolled **E**nvironments) last October/November.

In view of the high level of demand for that course we are offering a repeat of it on three Tuesday evenings beginning on 1st March. The venue this time will be the Craighouse campus of Napier University. Many places are already taken, but some remain as we go to press. To check for availability contact Peter Barker at 0131 667 6455 or e-mail peterbarker@bcs.org.uk.

Details of the course content are overleaf, and an application form can be downloaded from www.edinburgh.bcs.org/courses. Venue details are at <http://www.napier.ac.uk/campusmaps>

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