

Chairman's AGM Report - Fortran Specialist Group.

As you are aware we attempted to have the AGM on 18th July, but we were foiled by the rail strike. Let us hope that on 18th October will be successful.

At the AGM the honorary officers of the group are required to report on any interesting things which they did last year.

As it was the wish of the last AGM, the BCS Fortran Specialist Group has moved away from quarterly meetings during 1994-95 and into activity based meetings. These revolved around Fortran 95, at Edinburgh University, 29 June, London, 11 July and at NAG UK Ltd, 14 July 1995, and workshops on Fortran 90/HPF organised by N.A. Software Ltd, at Liverpool and Southampton.

The plan is to have Fortran Forums in various locations during the year. These are to be used for informing users of the status of the Fortran 95 standard and Fortran 2000, get their views so they can be incorporated in the BSI position which is transmitted to the ISO WG5 meetings.

Information on current Fortran 90 compilers and those supporting HPF are also on the agenda representing the type of activities we aim to pursue.

In addition our members are tracking the X3J3 and WG5 activities on Fortran 95, and written material is circulated to our members whenever we get them. Many thanks to the people who do the tracking.

The AGM meeting is to be used as a brainstorming exercise where ideas are discussed and agreed so that a programme for future activities is developed. I hope that you will come to this important meeting and put forward your ideas. If you can not attend the AGM please communicate your ideas, (suggestions) to the Chairman or any committee officer. This would ensure the relevance and usefulness of the Fortran group.

Thank you all for your support during my tenure in the last three years. Your support and loyalty to the Fortran Group in the forthcoming year is crucial if the group is to survive and continue its good work.

Christopher Lazou
15th September 1995.