

Membership Report for June 2004

As of the end of June 2004 we had a total of 237 members of whom 93, 39.2%, were not members of the Society, this includes two members of the Committee! The following table gives a breakdown by location, based on postcodes in the UK and countries overseas. Europe means continental Europe excluding the UK, South Asia covers Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Singapore and Hong Kong are included in the Far East.

Region	FSG members	Percentage of region	Percentage of total	Non-BCS members	Percentage
London	31	16.9%	13.1%	15	48.4%
South East	80	43.7%	33.8%	35	43.8%
South West	11	6.0%	4.6%	5	45.5%
East Anglia	4	2.2%	1.7%	1	25.0%
Midlands	26	14.2%	11.0%	4	15.4%
North East	17	9.3%	7.2%	7	41.2%
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Total England	183	100.0%	77.2%	72	39.3%
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N.Ireland	2	1.0%	0.8%	1	50.0%
Scotland	15	7.3%	6.3%	3	20.0%
Wales	5	2.4%	2.1%	1	20.0%
Total UK	205	100.0%	86.5%	77	37.6%
Africa	2	6.3%	0.8%	0	0.0%
Americas	5	15.6%	2.1%	1	20.0%
Australasia	3	9.4%	1.3%	2	66.7%
Europe	2	6.3%	0.8%	0	0.0%
Far East	4	12.5%	1.7%	2	50.0%
Middle East	3	9.4%	1.3%	1	33.3%
South Asia	13	40.6%	5.5%	10	76.9%
Total Overseas	32	100.0%	13.5%	16	50.0%
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UK	205	86.5%	86.5%	77	37.6%
Total FSG	237	100.0%	100.0%	93	39.2%

This shows the preponderance of UK residents in our membership and that almost half our total members live in London or the South East of the UK. Our percentage of overseas members is a little lower than that for the BCS as a whole, 15%.

178 of our members, 75.1%, are listed as having at least one e-mail address, this ties in reasonably well with the figures for the number of messages sent via the Fortran SG mailing list, as I reported in the 2004 Web Editor's Report.

From the limited information given in the lists I have attempted to work out the type of employment of our members. In the following table I have included organisations such as DERA/QinetiQ and the Met Office as Government and RAL and CERN as Academic. The Retired figure is based on my personal knowledge and the limited age information given in the lists.

Type of employment	Number	Percentage of members
Academic	33	13.9%
Student	5	2.1%
Government	20	8.4%
Industry	67	28.3%
Retired	5	2.1%
Total	130	54.9%

So we have "data" for just over half our members showing that the majority of these are working in Industry, in which I have included software houses and consultancies.

The following tables show the distribution of academic and professional qualifications amongst our members.

Title	Number	Percentage of members
Eur. Ing.	6	2.5%
Eur. Ing. Dr.	2	0.8%
Dr.	42	17.7%
Prof.	4	1.7%
Total	54	22.8%

Academic qualifications

First degree	112	47.3%
Masters	49	20.7%
DPhil	2	0.8%
PhD	47	19.8%
Total doctorate	49	20.7%

Almost half our members have a first degree while 20% have either a masters or doctorate.

Chartered status	Number	Percentage of members
CEng	61	25.7%
former CEng	2	0.8%
Total CEng	63	26.6%
CPhys	3	1.3%
CMath	5	2.1%
CITP	82	34.6%
former CITP	8	3.4%
Total CITP	90	38.0%
BCS membership		
AMBCS	2	0.8%
MBCS	109	46.0%
former MBCS	30	12.7%
Total MBCS	139	58.6%
FBCS	7	3.0%
Other memberships	4	1.7%

Just over a quarter of our members are Chartered Engineers with a small number of others have Chartered status via other bodies. Over a third of the members qualify as Chartered IT Practitioners.

Almost half the members are professional members of the BCS. It is interesting that at least 30 of the current non-BCS members, almost one third of the total, are former professional members of the Society.

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