

Fortran Specialist Group Chairman's Report

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This year I have very little to report on my own efforts on behalf of the Group.

I attended the Member Groups Convention in mid-March and provided a contribution on behalf of the Group to the Collaborators Corner, offering to work on joint events with other Groups but I have not had any response.

John Reid and I attended the BCS Treasurer's Day at the beginning of March to receive guidance on submitting our budget bid for 2013-14 and our supplementary funding request for 2012-13. I am pleased to say that once again BCS has provided funds so that we could help to ensure that the UK was adequately represented at the WG5 meeting held in Delft at the end of June. David Muxworthy will be describing under the next agenda item what has been achieved by the UK participants in Fortran standardisation in the last 12 months. There will be more presentations relating to the current position on Fortran standardisation this afternoon.

Speaking of WG5, the time for a meeting in London has come round again, 2007 doesn't seem that long ago and 2015 will soon be upon us! I am pleased to say that BCS has once again agreed to provide meeting rooms in the London office for the 2015 event, probably in August, though we can only book the rooms 12 months in advance. Time for further discussion of this is on the agenda under item (ix).

As I have said each year for the last few years, I have been Chairman of the Group for n years, where $n=11$ on this occasion. I do not wish to become "Chairman for Life"! While I am willing to stand for re-election under item (viii) of today's agenda I will continue to say that I think the Committee and the Group as a whole should consider if we need fresh blood on the Committee and at the head of the Group. We will be discussing the future direction for the Group under item (ix) of the agenda.

I want to take this annual opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for their assistance in the smooth running of the Group during the past year. especially John Reid, our new Treasurer, Sam Ellis, our Secretary, and John Pelan as Vice-Chairman, who through his contacts enables us to organise joint activities with the Institute of Physics Computational Physics Group and for his thoughts on options to broaden the remit and appeal of the Group, which is also down for discussion under item(ix).

I would also like to mention the willing support which I, wearing numerous hats, have received from the staff at BCS HQ and the London Office, from Judith Taylor and her Member Groups team, especially Mandy Bauer, and Sinead Champ and her colleagues in London.

To finish on a traditional note, if anyone reading this report has any comments or suggestions relating to the Group, its activities or Fortran in general please contact myself or any other member of the Committee. Don't let the fact that we may invite you to help us put your suggestions into practice put you off!

Peter Crouch
Chairman Fortran SG
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