

## **Fortran Specialist Group Chair's Report 2021/22**

Our year started off as usual with the AGM followed by an afternoon of a series of talks. It isn't always easy to find speakers but the shift to virtual / hybrid presentations has enabled us to access a broader pool of relevant expertise and commensurately reach audiences further afield. We are always most grateful to those that give up their time to give interesting and engaging presentations.

A core role of our Fortran specialist group continues, namely to help drive to the successful evolution of the Fortran language standard. Three of our committee members (Reid/Muxworthy/Sircombe) contributed to the joint meeting of SC22/WG5 and INCITS/Fortran in July. The new revision of Fortran — informally referred to as Fortran 202x - is planned for publication next year (2023). It is a credit to all involved.

I have been participating in some of the monthly calls with the Fortran Lang community. We continue to explore and discuss opportunities for how we might collaborate to support our mutual aims.

I would like to thank the IOP Computational Physics Group for their ongoing financial support of joint events and for the committee in placing their ongoing trust in me for the year just gone.

Finally, I wish to mention the tragic passing of BCS member, and my colleague, Richard Bennett, who died in March aged 32. He provided an impressive calibre of IT technical support to the neuroscience research community at the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre and he is sadly missed.

John Pelan — London, 28th September 2021