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BCS Programme, Practice and Policy Committee

Working Group – Leveraging Experts in Specialist Groups

Terms of Reference

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PPP Working Group – Leveraging Experts in Specialist Groups

1. Status

The Working Group reports to the Programmes, Practice and Policy Committee.

2. Purpose

The principal aim of the Working Group is to:

- 2.1. Seek ways in which the Excellence in Specialist Groups is more widely appreciated.
- 2.2. Urge Specialist Groups to be more 'Expert' in their fields.
- 2.3. Urge Specialist Groups to advise on National and International Standards, as appropriate.
- 2.4. To improve communications between Specialist Groups and BCS PR sections.
- 2.5. Assist in the implementation of any approved improvements.

For the sake of clarity, 'Member Groups' here means any grouping of members recognised by BCS including, but not limited to, Branches, Specialist Groups, International Sections, sub-sections and other networking groups for example.

3. Key Responsibilities

In support of its purpose the Working Group will:

- 3.1. Provide advice, guidance and mentoring services for individual Member Groups as required, to fulfil the above Purpose.
- 3.2. Establish a Working Group Team, comprised of suitably-skilled BCS Members, to help deliver the Purpose.
- 3.3. To provide consultation and feedback to the PPP Committee on proposed enhancements.
- 3.4. Recognise good practice by encouraging Member Groups to nominate individuals for internal and external awards, monitor and manage the process.
- 3.5. Suggest changes to rules affecting Member Groups, following consultation with Member Groups, BCS staff and other interested parties propose amendments to Community Board for approval.

4. Constitution and Membership

- 4.1. Working Group members will be selected and appointed on the basis of criteria agreed and published by the PPP Committee, relating to their skills, experience and/or links with key constituencies.
- 4.2. Membership of the Committee shall comprise:
 - The Chair, appointed on the recommendation of the PPP Committee.
 - Up to 8 members, ratified by PPP Committee
- 4.3. Note: Secretariat support will not normally be required for Working Groups or Panels.
- 4.4. Appointments will be for duration of the Working Group.
- 4.5. In the event that the Chair is unable to be present at the Committee meeting, the Chair shall appoint another Working Group member to chair a particular meeting. In the absence of an appointed chair, the committee will elect a member to act as chair of the meeting.
- 4.6. All Working Group members must commit reasonable time and effort to the work of the Working Group and make reasonable efforts to attend meetings.

5. Strategic Planning and Management

The Working Group will produce an updated activity plan for each PPP Committee Meeting.

6. Approval and Review

- 6.1. These Terms of Reference shall be approved by the PPP Committee.
- 6.2. The PPP Committee shall review these terms of reference annually.