

BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY/ROYAL SIGNALS INSTITUTION LECTURE



“A TRIP TO THE FUTURE”

Wednesday 25 March 2009

The above event in this year being organized by our colleagues in the British Computer Society, and will be held in the unique surroundings of the Royal Society of Arts building in John Adam Street, London. Location and other details are at www.thersa.org/house.

The event takes the form of a lecture followed by a reception and buffet, and is open to all Members of the British Computer Society and the Royal Signals Institution who register beforehand. Members are asked to register direct with the BCS by 13 March 2009 at www.bcs.org/events/rsi and enter “RSI” in the box marked “Organisation”. There is a discounted cost for Members of £10 per person, and timings are 1830 for 1900.

The lecturer this year is Dr Ian Pearson, an accomplished presenter, who is concerned with future trends in technology, including CIS, a subject which will surely be of interest to all Members. His bio is as follows:

Ian Pearson is an Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics graduate of Queens University, Belfast. After four years in Shorts Missile Systems, in many different disciplines from mechanical engineering to battlefield strategy simulation, he joined BT Laboratories in 1985 as a performance analyst, and has since worked in network design and evolution, cybernetics, and mobile systems. Until the end of 2007 he remained as BT’s Futurologist, concentrating on mapping the progress of new developments throughout information technology, considering both technological and social implications. He is now independent, able to give an unbiased view, and he lectures extensively. In between conferences, he writes on topics such as machine consciousness, human evolution, women’s issues, social trends and computing technology. He has received many awards for his papers, written several books and has made well over 400 TV and radio appearances. He is a Chartered Fellow of the British Computer Society, the World Academy of Art and Science, the Royal Society of Arts, the Institute of Nanotechnology and the World Innovation Foundation. He is an Honorary Doctor of Science of the University of Westminster.

The Institution currently enjoys a very close relationship with the BCS, now acknowledged as one of the important professional associations with whom the Corps has dealings. As such, this is one of the significant events in our calendar; I very much hope you will be able to support this year’s lecture.

Major General TG Inshaw
Chairman,
The Royal Signals Institution
