BCS ACADEMY OF COMPUTING BOARD

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UKCRC Event

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Overview

- Update on responsibilities and activities from BCS Academy of Computing Board

- Share structure and inter-relationships

- Detail on specific projects from Academy of Computing Board

- Opportunity for questions and discussion

Academy Board of Computing Status

- The BCS Academy of Computing is a cooperative partnership between
  - BCS,
  - Council of Professors and Heads of Computing (CPHC) and
  - UK Computing Research Committee (UKCRC)
- The Academy of Computing Board reports to BCS Trustee Board
- Cooperation with other VPs
  - Finance
  - Community
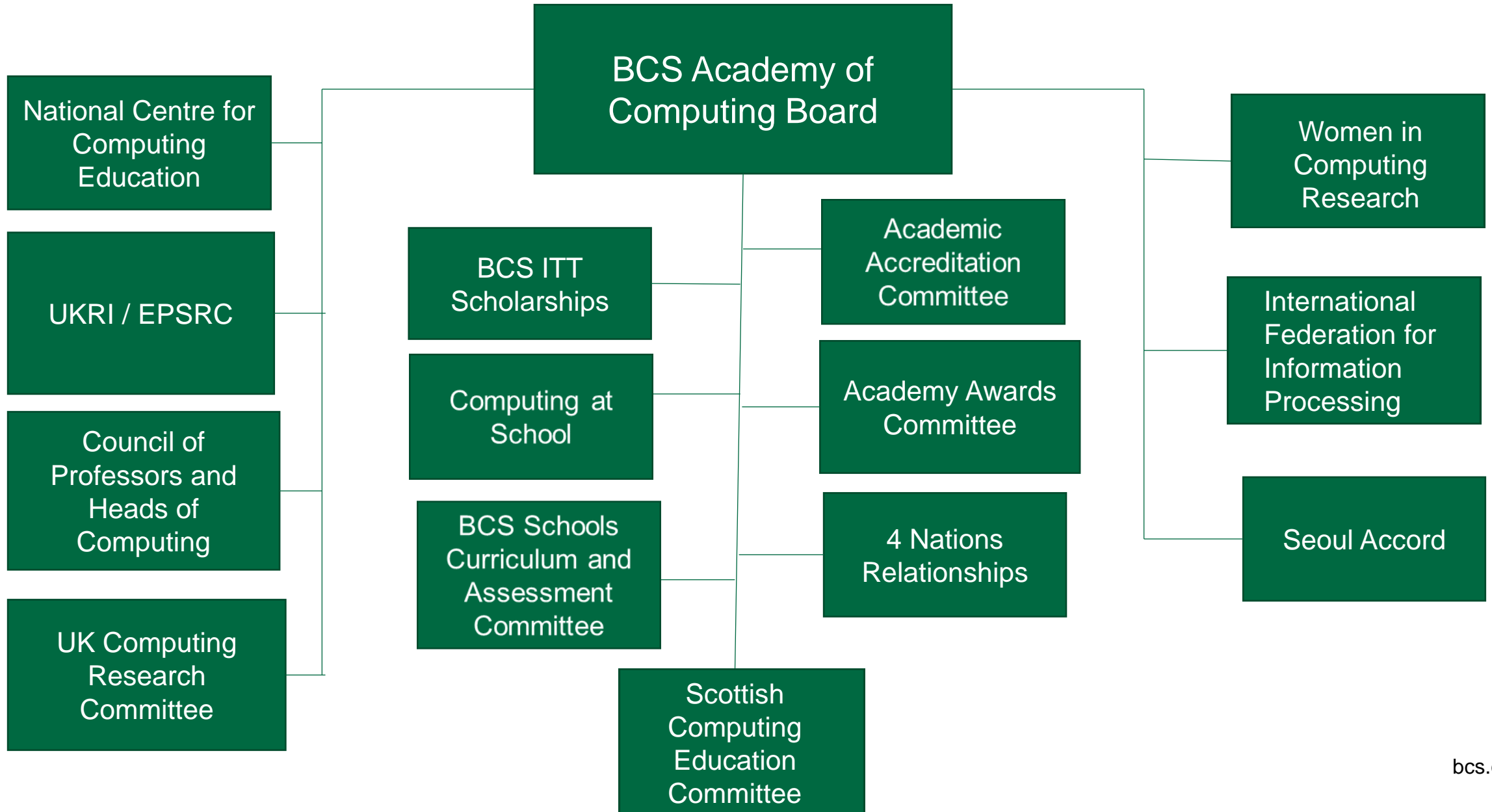 - Society
  - Organisation & Employers

Academy Board of Computing ToR

- Advance the creation, study and application of knowledge in computing for the benefit of the public

- This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Promote the benefits, successes and challenges of computer science and engineering through public engagement
  - Establish computing as a core academic discipline at every level of education, which is recognised as of equal value to any natural science or engineering discipline and treated accordingly
  - Develop and support a cohesive community inclusive of scholars, researchers and professionals with a shared commitment to the advancement of computing

Board Membership

- Chair
- From BCS
  - Director of Education
  - Director of Policy
  - Head of Education
- Representation
  - BCS Council
  - Chair, Academic Accreditation Committee
  - Chair, BCS Academy Awards Committee
  - Chair, School Curriculum and Assessment Committee (or deputy)
  - Chair, Computing at School Board (or deputy)
  - Chair, Academy Quality Review Panel
  - Ex-officio members from Scottish Computing Education Committee and Women in Research Group
  - UKCRC - Kevin Jones, Plymouth
  - CPHC (2)
  - EPSRC
  - 4 home nations
- Plus – 2 nominated BCS members

BCS Academy of Computing Board Links

BCS Academy of Computing Board

- National Centre for Computing Education
- UKRI / EPSRC
- Council of Professors and Heads of Computing
- UK Computing Research Committee

- BCS ITT Scholarships
- Computing at School
- BCS Schools Curriculum and Assessment Committee

- Academic Accreditation Committee
- Academy Awards Committee
- 4 Nations Relationships

- Scottish Computing Education Committee

- Women in Computing Research
- International Federation for Information Processing
- Seoul Accord

Academy of Computing Board Projects

- Review of academic accreditation – underway and due to produce final report in time for implementation by Sept 2021 (this is a cross BCS project)
  - Value for students, HEIs and employers

- EDI review of Awards and Lectures

- Development programme for new computer science academics

- Mentoring programme for computer science academics, with particular focus on support for BAME academics

- Collaboration with UKCRC
  - Impact of algorithms on society
  - AI and ethics / Data Science and ethics

- Re-establish relationship with IFIP

- Collaboration with other BCS directorates, including
  - Membership
  - Publications
  - Community
  - Society
  - Employers

National Centre for Computing Education update

- **29,500 teachers** engaged representing 8,500 primary schools and 3,000 secondary schools.

- **7,600 teachers** have benefited from NCCE continuing professional development (CPD).

- **1,300 "Computer Science Accelerator" graduates** certified to teach GCSE Computer Science.

- **2,000 teachers and 18,000 students** using Isaac Computer Science to support A level Computer Science.

- **34 Computing Hubs** acting as local champions for Computer Science and delivering face to face, in-school and remote support.

- **275 Computing at School (CAS) Communities of Practice** providing peer support and networking.

- [Teach Computing curriculum](#) launched, including 500 hours of learning materials from Key Stage 1 to 4.

- Supporting partners include **ARM, BT, Google, IBM, Microsoft, Nationwide and Rolls-Royce**

Computing at School (CAS) update

- Total member accounts were up to 37,839 (a 21% increase since NCCE with 9,757 active unique members (26.7% in last year),

- 330 Active Communities,

- 409 Active Community Leaders (up 101% from this time last year).

- 19% of the 512 active Master Teachers are also active Community Leaders.

- There were 691 Community Meetings with 19,044 attendees in the last year

- 65% of attendees at CAS Community of Practice meetings were from state-maintained schools in England (since NCCE launched)

Moving Forward

- Improve communication across the CS community, including inside and outside BCS

- Address inclusion and diversity

- Enhance accreditation

- Re-establish relationships as per initial terms of reference

- Promote relevance of Academy Board of Computing

THANK YOU