

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Program Library Sub-Committee
held on Friday, 28th May, 1971,
at 4.00 p.m. in the Mathematics
Institute, Chambers Street.

Present: Dr J. Fulton (Convenor)
Mrs M.M. Barritt
Mr D.H. Marwick
Dr D.B. Taylor
Mr D.T. Muxworthy (Secretary)

Apologies for absence:
Dr A. P. M. Coxon
Dr D. R. Gifford
Mr R. L. Hodgart
Mr P. D. A. Schofield

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

Dr Fulton welcomed Mr Marwick to membership of the Sub-Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 23rd April were approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was reported that the new library documentation so far distributed appeared to have met with a good reception. The first hundred copies of the software bulletin would be distributed with the Computer Board's visit in mind (Mrs Barritt craved a summary of the distribution list) and of the next hundred to be available in September, fifty would be sent out and fifty would be available on request. The aim was that each group of users would have access to a copy. Mrs Barritt introduced a draft covering letter for the documentation. It was suggested that there be a further introductory paragraph indicating that all previously issued library documentation may be withdrawn from August 1st. On the question of charging for documentation, the Committee was content to be advised by Mrs Barritt, but the Committee itself approved of charging in principle.

Discussion of the problems of charging for programs and of contractual restrictions on programs in the library was postponed to a future meeting.

It was reported that the sixth software manual site was to be changed from Dr Taylor's office to Bush Estate and Mrs Barritt would arrange this with Professor Alexander. It was suggested that Heriot-Watt University may wish to acquire a similar set of manuals.

Mrs Barritt introduced a note on computer application seminars. The Committee decided that Professor Coppock be invited to chair that on mapping systems and suggested November 25th as the date; that the seminar on engineering systems be confined to ICES; that Mr Dillon of IBM be invited to speak; that it be held on January 20th, 1972 and that Mrs Barritt make further arrangements with Dr Christie.

Dr Fulton is to discuss with Professor Whitby a possible seminar on a medical subject in February or March and it is proposed to arrange a seminar on "Higher Education and Teaching Aids" during the summer term. Heriot-Watt University may make a contribution to this.

There was a discussion on the presentation of the work of the Sub-Committee to the Computer Board on their forthcoming visit to Edinburgh.

The Committee agreed that Dr Fulton and Mrs Barritt should write an entry for the University Bulletin, to be published before the next meeting of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 24th September, 1971 at 4.00p.m. in the Mathematics Institute, Chambers Street.

[In fact the next meeting was held on 2 June 1972.]