

Minutes of a meeting of the
Program Library Sub-Committee
held in the Conference Room,
E.R.C.C., King's Buildings
on Friday 2nd June, 1972 at
3.30 p.m.

Present

Dr J. Fulton (convenor)
Mrs M.M. Barritt
Mr D.H. Marwick
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
Dr D.B. Taylor

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was not thought relevant to consider the minutes of the meeting of May 28th 1971 other than to note that the seminars mentioned had not taken place and that there were no plans to hold any before October 1972.

It was reported that program library documentation had been produced and had been distributed to the six agreed centres and that three more sites, at Heriot-Watt University and the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde, had been added to the list of centres; these additions were thought to be outside the scope of this committee.

2. CURRENT SITUATION OF PLU

Mrs Barritt outlined a submission to the Computer Board to support certain activities, notably (a) the provision of a subroutine library on byte-orientated university computers with a view to implementing it also on the ICL New Range and (b) user information and support services. Preparatory work had already started for transfer of material between Edinburgh, Cambridge, Newcastle and Nottingham.

The setting up of a Technical Resources Panel had been approved by the ERCC Executive Committee. This Panel, which had representatives from Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt Universities and Rothamsted Experimental Station, but not from other universities, would advise the Program Library Unit (PLU). PLU would also consult with the Inter-University Committee on Computing (IUCC) on an annual basis.

3. FUTURE OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE

There was a discussion on the future of this Sub-committee, It was felt that some adjustments should be made in view of the changes in computing policy in the Scottish universities.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in September 1972 on a date yet to be decided.

[There is no record of any further meetings.]