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**Day Conference Organisers' Report 2017-18**

**1. Spring conference University of Nottingham**

The Spring 2018 conference in Nottingham went ahead against the odds and the “Beast from the East”. It was clear that in the last few days before the conference that snow and freezing temperatures might cause travel problems but as always in such circumstances it was difficult to predict what would happen on the day. As it turned out the conditions in Nottingham were fine for travel but unfortunately many delegates had problems closer to home so numbers attending on the day were rather lower than anticipated (based on those who had paid for the conference in advance). This caused some last minute changes to the programme as those who had wished to present were not always able to make it. The numbers in brackets above indicate numbers of participants registered and session proposals accepted.

Spring Conference (since 2011)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
IoE London (12/03/2011)	121	45	1	n/a	46
Manchester (03/03/2012)	76	17	4	n/a	21
Bristol (02/03/2013)	72	23	2	n/a	25
King's College (01/03/2014)	110	30	2	n/a	32
Dublin (27-28/02/2015)	66	37	2	n/a	39
MMU (27/02/2016)	92	41	4	3	48
Birkbeck College (04/03/2017)	97	27	2	5	34
<b>Nottingham (03/03/2018)</b>	<b>45 (76)</b>	<b>16 (25)</b>	<b>3 (3)</b>	<b>1 (4)</b>	<b>20 (32)</b>

**2. BCME Conference University of Warwick (report contributed by Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai)**

BCME9 was the most successful BCME conference in terms of: 1) the number of sessions (357); 2) the number of delegates (600); and 3) the 'financial surplus' made (to be split between the JMC, the ATM and the MA).

The BCME's Informal Proceedings was led by Sue Pope, and are now online at <https://www.bcme.org.uk/Informal-Proceedings>.

*The BCME's BSRLM Research Proceedings is being led by Jennie Golding, and should be available in Autumn this year.*

BCME9's mop-up meeting took place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The focus was on lessons learned from BCME9 that can help to improve BCME10. Other discussions include potential alternative BCME conference formats (e.g. one-day conference instead to make it less costly for JMC to organise and for delegates to attend, as well as to try to avoid the "too big / too overwhelming" feeling, etc.)

The BCME10 Committee will be formed once the next Chair of the BCME Committee has been appointed.

Once the BCME10 Committee has been appointed, BSRLM will then need to nominate a BSRLM Representative to attend BCME Committee meetings, along with the ATM and The MA Representatives. (For BCME9, the BSRLM Representative was Vince)

### **3. Summer Conference University of Wales Trinity St David, Swansea**

The summer 2018 conference took place in Swansea, with the new researchers' day on 8<sup>th</sup> June and the main conference on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Both conferences were well attended and include a range of interesting presentations and work groups.

We are grateful to the local hosts, Rachel Wallis, Helen Denny and Jane Waters and their support team for their help in organising the conference.

At the New Researchers' Day there were two keynote presentations: one (morning) by Sofya Lyakhova from Swansea University entitled: "What does mathematics as a discipline tell us about how to teach it, how to research it and how to do research in mathematics education?" and one (afternoon) by Jane Waters (University of Wales Trinity St David's) entitled: "Research writing or 'dissemination': Know your purpose, know your audience and know your message!" Both were well received. Eight practising teachers of mathematics in Wales attended the conference, sponsored by the National Network for Excellence in Mathematics in Wales, and five of these had reports on their research published in the Informal Proceedings.

The morning of the main conference began with a well received plenary talk by Jeremy Hodgen.

<b>New Researchers Day (NRD) (since 2011)</b>		
<b>Venue and date</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Total Number of Sessions</b>
Leeds (10/06/2011)	24	n/a
Sussex (08/06/2012)	23	8
SHU (07/06/2013)	25	14
Southampton (13/06/2014)	16	10
Durham (05/06/2015)	29	15
Loughborough (14/06/2016)	47	14
Oxford (09/06/2017)	60	15

<b>Wales Trinity Saint David (08/06/2018)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14 (8 Welsh teachers)</b>
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<b>Summer Conference (since 2011)</b>					
<b>Venue and date</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Research Papers (RPs)</b>	<b>Working Groups (WGs)</b>	<b>Research Workshops (RWs)</b>	<b>Total Number of Sessions</b>
Leeds (11/06/2011)	64	17	2	n/a	19
Sussex (09/06/2012)	66	24	2	n/a	26
SHU (08/06/2013)	84	19	4	n/a	23
Southampton (14/06/2014)	50	19	0	n/a	19
Durham (06/06/2015)	90	31	3	n/a	34
Loughborough (14/06/2016)	96	24	4	4	32
Oxford (10/06/2017)	118	31	3	5	39
<b>Wales Trinity Saint David (09/06/2018)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>

#### **4. Autumn 2018 conference at Kings College London**

Many thanks to Karen Skilling and her team of colleagues and student volunteers for helping to organise our Autumn conference.

<b>Autumn Conference (since 2010)</b>					
<b>Venue and date</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Research Papers (RPs)</b>	<b>Working Groups (WGs)</b>	<b>Research Workshops (RWs)</b>	<b>Total Number of Sessions</b>
Newcastle (13/11/2010)	53	25	1	n/a	26
Oxford (19/11/2011)	121	50	3	n/a	53
Cambridge (17/11/2012)	160	58	3	n/a	61
Edinburgh (16/11/2013)	70	22	0	n/a	22
Leicester (08/11/2014)	87	21	4	n/a	25
Reading (07/11/2015)	103	35	4	4	43
Brighton (12/11/2016)	65	12	2	9	23
Liverpool Hope (11/11/2017)	70	20	3	3	26
<b>Kings College London (10/11/2018)</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>

#### **5. Future conferences: Venues, dates and local hosts**

09 Mar 2019 (Spring Conference) • Open University • Sue Forsythe, Cathy Smith & Charlotte Webb  
 07 Jun 2019 (New Researchers Day) • University of Birmingham • Tom Francome  
 08 Jun 2019 (Summer Conference) • University of Birmingham • Tom Francome  
 09 Nov 2019 (Autumn Conference) • Queen's University Belfast • Ian Cantley

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