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Welcome to the IIBA UK Chapter - August Update

I got involved in the IIBA when Glenn Brulé came to London in June 2006 to find volunteers who would establish a UK chapter. I was very excited about the chance to be part of establishing an internationally recognised body for my profession and working towards a global certification for Business Analysts.

With 15 other enthusiastic Business Analysts I signed the petition to become an IIBA chapter and stood for the post of treasurer in our first board election.

Coming from a company with only 2 Business Analysts, I enjoyed meeting other Business Analysts – both on the board and at our events. It is great to talk to people who speak “the same language”.

Two years on I am still as enthusiastic about being on the board as on the first day. Whilst there were some frustrations along the way, the achievements more than make up for giving up my free time. Plus, I have learnt what is involved in setting up a company, which returns need to be filed at Companies House and HM Revenue & Customs, etc. – all very useful life skills.

I am responsible for all legal and financial aspects of running the UK chapter and ensuring that your membership fees are spent in the most beneficial way to you, our members. In the last couple of years the money was mainly spent on our bi-monthly events; for the next year we have additional benefits planned, which my board colleagues will tell you all about in the next few editions of this newsletter.

For today, take care – I am going to fill in my CBAP application now. See you all at the next event!

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September Networking Event in London

Wed 24th September 2008

Registration now open on the [Next Events](#) page on the IIBA UK Chapter website.

Our next London event is going to be held in the Kensington area of London.

Event Agenda

6:00pm Meet & greet
6:30pm Welcome & Introduction
6:45pm “Creativity in Requirements Engineering”

- Neil Maiden
- 7:30pm** **“Data Modelling Made Simple”**
- Steve Hoberman
- 8:15pm** **Questions & answers**
- 8:30pm** **Networking opportunities**

Neil Maiden is Professor of Systems Engineering and Head of the Centre for Human-Computer Interface Design, an independent research department in City University's School of Informatics. He has been directing inter-disciplinary research in requirements engineering for 15 years.

Neil will speak on **“Creativity in Requirements Engineering”**. Neil will argue that the advance of technical solutions means that stakeholders are increasingly unaware of what is possible. He views requirements engineering as a creative process in which stakeholders and designers work together to create ideas for new systems that are eventually expressed as requirements. “In this presentation I will outline workshops, techniques and tools that have been applied to support creative requirements processes, and provide some opportunities for you to use these solutions in your own requirements processes.”

Steve Hoberman will be talking about his book **“Data Modelling Made Simple”**. Steve is a world-recognized thought-leader in the field of data modeling. He is a popular presenter at conferences, and the author of Data Modeler's Workbench and Data Modeling Made Simple.

For more information on the event and to register please see the IIBA UK Website [Next Events](#) page.

July Networking Event in London

The July IIBA UK Chapter was a scorching success, on an extremely rare hot summer's evening, 100 people heard excellent talks from Michael Brown and Suzanne Robertson.

Michael used 5 volunteers who had taken the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument to add plenty of audience interactions to a high octane talk on dealing with conflict. Perhaps the most important lesson for BA's is that there's a time and a place for different styles used to deal with conflict.

Suzanne Robertson helped explain the relevance of person skills in describing Business Analysis as being a mixture of socio-technical skills. Suzanne's talk on Requirements Seven Pillars of Wisdom was informative, knowledgeable and thought provoking.

Special thanks to the British Computer Society for hosting the meeting and providing welcome refreshments. Presentations are available to be downloaded from our [Past Events](#) page on our website.

CBAP Computer Based Testing

After the success of the first UK based CBAP exams in June. The International IIBA organization have now announced a full rollout of Computer Based Testing (CBT) in all countries around the world starting 1st September 2008.

This means that any CBAP candidates in Great Britain (Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or England) can now choose to sit the exam at their closest CBT location – at present there's only one location in the UK on the IIBA website (St Albans) however we hope more will appear in the future.

For those that aren't familiar with the logistics surrounding Computer Based Testing the process is quite simple. First you submit your CBAP application to the International IIBA; once it has been approved you will be supplied a user-id & password that allows you to login to the CBT website. Within this website you then select a date and time of your choice (subject to availability) for when you wish to sit the examination.

When the day comes and you arrive at the CBT centre in St Albans you will be led to your own personal computer in a semi-private area. The multiple choice CBAP examination questions will then appear on the computer screen. It's as simple as that.

If you can get to St Albans there is nothing to stop you sitting the CBAP exam in the UK this year.

To apply for the CBAP exam you need to:

1. Check that you meet the entrance criteria (set out below)
2. Apply online here: <http://www.theiiba.org/certification>

The CBAP certification entrance criteria are:

- 7,500 hours (five years) of business analysis work experience within the last ten years
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge in 4 of the 6 BABOK knowledge areas
- 21 hours of business analysis professional development over the last four years
- Minimum high school diploma or equivalent
- Two professional references

CBAP Study Groups

To help encourage more people to sit their CBAP exam we are happy to announce an intention to organise CBAP Study Groups; these sessions will aim to provide a support group to both help candidates with the Application process and to share and support one another as candidates study the various areas of the BA BOK. These special sessions are limited to UK Chapter members only - please email miles_barker@uk.theiiba.org for more details or to express interest.

New Member Benefits

The following new membership benefits are available to IIBA UK Chapter members:

- 20% discount on all purchases made from Smart BA Distance Learning Programme
 - For more information on this offer please see our ["Join the UK Chapter"](#) page

Please contact membership@uk.theiiba.org if you have any questions about IIBA UK member benefits.

Volunteer Opportunities

We rely on volunteers to help deliver the objectives described in our [strategy](#) Roles are project driven to ensure achievable objectives and to avoid individuals overextending themselves. Everyone at the chapter including the Board is a volunteer and we fully appreciate work commitments take priority. We welcome fellow business analysts from any industry or those aspiring to become a BA.

Currently we are looking for help in 3 arenas:

- [Market Research](#)
- [Content & Collateral](#)
- [Channel Marketing](#)

The role requires:

- Enthusiasm!
- A shared interest in establishing the chapter as a networking hub for BA's in the UK.
- Working directly with Kyoko Inaba and liaising with other Board members as required.
- 2-3 hours a week over a 3 month period initially

Benefits include an excellent networking opportunity with exposure to business analysis insiders across industry.

Many thanks for reading

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