

REPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CHAPTER FOR 2005-06

1. The Chapter held its main meeting at Harrogate, as usual. This year the speakers were:

Etiënne Rouwette “Insights into the best approaches for building effective models in wider teams”.

Peter Lacey: “The use of qualitative and quantitative modelling in driving change by showing policy outcomes in UK health policy”.

Justin Lyon: “The future of systems modelling and the approaching ‘tipping point’ for the whole field”.

Around 55 delegates attended.

2. The Chapter Student Prize was awarded to James Rhys Kearney for a dissertation completed as part of his MSc in Operational Research: “A system dynamics analysis of the ‘superclub’ phenomenon in popular youth culture (1990-2004)”
3. In November we inaugurated a networking evening in London. This was by way of an experiment but we were delighted by the attendance of around 40 people. We are going to repeat this initiative in November this year.

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(VP Liaison)
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