Annual Chapter Report

# The Chapter

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| *Chapter*: | UK Chapter |
| *Year*: | 2011-2012 |
| *Officers*  President:  Chapter-society liaison:  Webmaster: |  |
| Steffen Bayer |
| John Swanson |
| Lee Jones |
| *Website*: | http://systemdynamics.org.uk/ |
| *Last update*: | constant |

# The past year

## Chapter development

### Activities

*Please list the main activities organized by the Chapter as such in the table below; insert rows as needed.*

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| *Activity* | *Date* | *# Attendees* |
| Networking meeting | Sept 12, 2011 | 12 |
| Networking meeting | Nov 21, 2011 | 10 |
| “System Dynamics in Construction” seminar | Dec 6, 2011 | 30 |
| Annual Gathering | Feb 9-10, 2012 | 50 |
| Networking meeting | May 2, 2012 | 12 |

### Publications

*Please list relevant publications in form of books, chapters, articles and conference proceedings; add rows as needed. “Type” should be coded as follows: A=article; B=book; C=chapter;P=proceeding;S=software.*

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| *Publication* | *Type* |
| Online presentations and speaker files from the February Gathering | P |
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### Relationships with other societies or institutions

*Please indicate other institutions and professional or scientific societies your Chapter maintains a relationship with. Add rows as needed.*

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### Institutional development

*If you have made changes to your constitution or other developments the Society should know about, please mention them here.*

*We have agreed some changes to the constitution at the AGM, mainly in order to clarify how the finances of the chapter are managed and also to improve clarity and remove obsolete clauses. The comments we have receive from Martin Schaffernicht since will be considered at our next AGM.*

### Finances: cash reserves

*If your chapter raises a membership fee, please indicate your current financial situation here.*

Cash reserves = £10600 (US$16,545)

### Members

*The stock and inflow of chapter members is and important piece of information for the Society. Please provide us this information and any additional reflections you deem relevant.*

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Number of new chapter members this year (2012):

Total number of chapter members:

Additional considerations concerning the members’ characteristics or the dynamics of the chapters

We don’t have a membership list. Currently we have around 450 live emails on the list of whom we believe around 120 regularly see our emails. Best basis for estímate of active members might be attendees at Anual Gathering.

## Level of development of system dynamics in the Chapter’s area

### Description of relevant attributes

The following variables are currently used to look at the development of system dynamics in the Chapter’s local area:

1. Universities. Number of universities where at least one faculty belongs to the system dynamics community: represents the coverage inside the local university system.
2. Faculty. Number of faculty members who belong to the SD field: indicates if there is quantitative growth of SD in the universities. More faculty should lead to more mouth-to-mouth inside universities.
3. Courses. Number of institutions where SD is taught as part of other courses or in its own right: university training is a main driver of diffusion of SD, and it can be used as a proxy for the number of young adults who are exposed to SD.
4. Generations. Number of faculty members who belong to the SD community and have studied under a local faculty member: expresses the solidification of the community.
5. Schools. Number of school-level initiatives: progress diffusing amongst your adults towards teenagers and children, indicates a broadening outreach which promises to accelerate diffusion in the future.
6. Materials. Number or materials (books, articles, models, software) developed by local dynamicists: indicates that the field is generating products. Also, materials are needed for diffusion (reaching local people).
7. Application field. System dynamics should become recognized as regular work method in at least one field of application; this would signalize that the local society has integrated it.

We have tried to gather or estimate this information on several occasions, but found it impossible. We have no way of knowing of organizations or individuals involved in SD who do not choose to tell us. The following numbers are therefore best estimates.

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| *Variable* | *Value* |
| Number of universities | 10 |
| Number of faculty | 10 |
| Number of courses | 20 |
| Number of second generation faculty | 5 |
| Number of school initiatives | zero |
| Number of materials | 50 |
| Number of application fields | 8 |

## Your assessment of the closing year

*Please elaborate concerning any particular development that may be relevant for the Society.*

# The coming year

### Challenges

*What are the opportunities the Chapter plans to take, or challenges you plan to approach during the coming year?*

Better engagements with doctoral students

### Planned activities

*Which activities (like workshops, courses or seminaries) does the Chapter plan to perform during the coming year?*

Annual Gathering in February

### Support required

*What would you ask the Society to do to help the Chapter?*