

LSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Out of recession: LISA pub meets resume

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Much like the world economy, the LSE Information Systems Alumni group slowed down during the period between the end of 2008 and mid 2010. With the department undergoing a number of changes, such as the continued integration within the Department of Management, and their relocation to the new academic building, as well as winds of changes blowing through London and the world, the Alumni effort lulled.

The period also saw the retirement of esteemed professors such as Ian Angell and James Backhouse, cornerstones of the IS department for generations. Nevertheless, to the delight of the Alumni, Dr. Steve Smithson, although officially retired, has been designated care taker of LISA, and remains within the hallways of the ISIG group.

The famed ADMIS program reaches a close of an illustrious 30-odd year history in 2011, a history that saw an army of people come through the department, and go on to successful careers, at the four corners of the globe. The ADMIS program will be renamed as **MISI: MSc in Management, Information Systems and Innovation**, and will see a number of changes introduced to the course work to be better aligned with the changing times. In the same spirit, LISA and the alumni effort is well on its way back to health and has been gaining momentum since September 2010, with new members joining the committee, and are eager to invest their time and effort, selflessly.

The LISA website was updated, the LISA careers presentation is back, and distinguished speakers have been invited to speak at the LSE. The only thing left, in true LSE fashion, was the pub meets. At the usual place, the Old Bank of England on 194 Fleet Street, on February 24th, 2011, the networking event resumed, and it is as if it picked up where it left off. More than 35 people showed up for an after work drink and a hearty chat (with trips down LSE memory lane unavoidable). An area had been reserved for LISA and the alumni declared the gallery of the pub their own for the rest of the evening.



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APRIL 7TH, THURSDAY, 2011

**OLD BANK OF ENGLAND PUB MEET
194, FLEET STREET, LONDON
6:30 PM ONWARDS**

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Heemanshu Jain, who came to the last pub meet up in October 2008, now sits on the LISA committee, as social media and communications lead. While sipping his beer, he made sure he got all the attendees' contacts and emails, and urged them to get in touch. Adnan, LISA chair, and Kenneth, LISA veteran mingled, while Lito and Nasheeta made sure that their fellow alumni, whom they personally urged to attend, visited the bar. Charles, as usual, preyed on the few current students who had the courage to show up, on the benefits of joining LISA when they graduate.

A successful event, which will be repeated, on the **7th April, 2011** at the Old Bank of England pub, from 6:30pm.

See you there!

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About LSE Information Systems Alumni (LISA)

The London School of Economics Information Systems and Innovation Group (ISIG) are helping to organize alumni from MISI, ADMIS, ISOR, PhD through LISA. If you took any of the IS department courses in the last 30 years, we look forward to your involvement in connecting with fellow IS Alumni.

We are actively seeking engagement with fellow alumni who might be interested in taking part in various activities with LISA. If you can get recruiters at the campus, wish to share your experiences in the industry or during PhD, mentor students or contribute your time and effort in any other way, we'd like to facilitate your activities. Please write to one of our committee members. More information about LISA can be found by clicking [here](#).