



## Digital Design Studio Staff wins Prestigious UK IT Award

On the 13<sup>th</sup> November, the winners of the 2009 UK IT Industry Awards were announced in front of a packed house at the Battersea Park Events Arena in London.

Dr Paul Chapman (Digital Design Studio) and Kim Bale (Hull University) won the highly sought after 'UK Innovative Project of the Year' Award. The award was for their work on a three year European Funded project 'VENUS' (Virtual Exploration of Underwater Sites) which facilitates the digital preservation and interaction with ancient underwater archaeological sites.

The UK IT Industry Awards see a new venture between BCS and Computing, merging the BCS IT Industry Awards and the Computing Awards for Excellence to create one platform for the entire profession to celebrate best practice, innovation and excellence. The awards were presented in front of more than 1,700 VIP guests and were hosted by comedian Sean Lock, who led the congratulations for all the winners.

David Clarke, chief executive of the BCS said: "This year's awards have been exceptional. To qualify as a finalist is terrific, to win is an absolutely fantastic achievement, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations to all those took part. They not only provide examples of best practice but also demonstrate how IT is enabling today's information society from entertainment to healthcare, manufacturing to retail."

Relevant links:

<http://www.computing.co.uk/computing/news/2253111/uk-industry-awards-2009-winners>

<http://www.ukitindustryawards.co.uk/Home.asp>

<http://www.venus-project.eu>

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