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Hello again,

This is our final newsletter for 2007 and we're all looking forward to the festive season, especially to the IPENZ and EA joint Christmas Soirée – **Party in the Penthouse**. It's the perfect event for catching up with colleagues that we don't see too often and generally celebrating life in the UK.

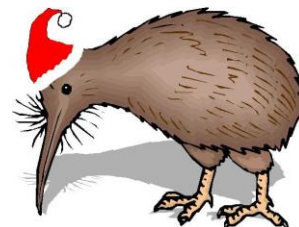
It's also appropriate at this time to reflect briefly on the year that was 2007. We've held a couple of very interesting technical talks (and almost a third) and managed to visit the site of the 2012 London Olympics (which has changed significantly already). For our Graduate members we've held an informative evening that has hopefully inspired a few to continue on the path to full MIPENZ status. We've also undertaken a few competence assessments here in the UK for those ready to take that step.

Our relationship with our antipodean neighbours continues to be beneficial, with EA members welcomed at our events and IPENZ members enjoying theirs, especially the golf day and river cruise. The inaugural ANZAC Day sports challenge was a great success with the softball at Regent's Park narrowly won by EA. We need more supporters as well as players next year – and someone who can lead a good haka!

Thanks to Ian and Graham again for a great barbie by the river as well. There are a few photos below. I'm looking forward to a bit more sunshine next year.

I also have the pleasure of introducing Simone Beesley who has agreed to take on the UK Branch Newsletter Editor role; you can see the improvements already! Thanks very much Simone.

So, Merry Christmas from IPENZ UK Branch; see you at the Party in the Penthouse.



Kelvin Smith
Chairman

Recent Events

Annual Family Day and Barbeque

Another Fantastic Day at Henley-on-Thames

Members gathered for our annual summer Barbecue at the Henley-on-Thames Rowing Club on 19 August 2007.

This was to be our 13th lucky consecutive year at this great venue. The previous days and weeks had given us one of the wettest summers for many years and the local Thames Valley area had been badly flooded.

A picture of the venue taken 2-3 weeks before with the grounds fully under water did not initially appear to bode well. The weather threatened us with showers at times, but held off and we had a wonderful day. Only when it came to dessert time did we feel some light rain; otherwise it was fine.



The venue under water



Action on the water

Quiet talk of possible success in the forthcoming Rugby World Cup saw everyone in good spirits (little did we know the events that would unfold in the coming months!).

A slightly smaller turn out this year of 25 members, family and friends enjoyed another good day. It was great to have Selwyn Aickin (our very long standing Treasurer and Webmaster) and his wife, Diana, join us from afar. Kelvin, Ian, Alex, Lindsay and Derek set up their barbecues and fed the masses with all manner of tasty meats. Our continued thanks go to Graham who organised the drinks for everyone, Ian who organised the venue and quality meat and Melissa who coordinated arrangements on the salads and dessert fronts.

As usual we are most appreciative at being able to use this fine location and long may this continue. With good food and well serviced by liquid refreshment we packed up and headed home; all the more satisfied after a day by the river in Henley-on-Thames.

by Ian Kirker



Alex, Ian and Kelvin hard at work

The BIG Event - Party in the Penthouse 7 December



Christmas Soiree 2007

PARTY IN THE PENTHOUSE

IPENZ UK and EA Social Event of the Year

IPENZ UK cordially invites you and your partner to the Christmas 2007 Party in the Penthouse. Join us for fine wine, delectable hors d'oeuvres, delicious Christmas treats and spectacular views across London.

PLUS each ticket goes into a Mystery Christmas Prize draw

There are a strictly limited number of attendees at this fantastic venue and we expect the Party in the Penthouse to be a sellout event. To secure your place complete the [online reply form](#) and make your payment. Alternatively you can return the slip below with your cheque.

Details are available at www.ipenz.org.uk

You are welcome to bring your partner and guests so please ensure that you include them when you RSVP. **Please reply by November 30 at the latest.**

Your Christmas 2007 Party in the Penthouse ticket guarantees you entry to the event and a chance to win the Mystery Christmas Prize. So get in quick!

Date: 7 December at 6.00pm

Venue: The Penthouse
New Zealand House
Haymarket
London
SW1Y 4TE

Attire: Formal

Cost: £18 per person for IPENZ and EA members and their partners.
£25 per person for non members and guests.

What to do: Fill in the reply form
Make your electronic payment
Alternatively return the reply slip below with your payment to reach us by November 30th.

Other Events

Bakerian Lecture and Medal

The Royal Society

Date: February 2008

Venue: The Welcome Theatre of the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, LONDON.

Professor Robin Clark CNZM FRS, Sir William Ramsay Professor of Chemistry at UCL and Chairman of the UK Branch of the NZUGA, has been awarded the Bakerian Lecture and Medal of the Royal Society of London for 2008.

The only other New Zealander to receive this award was Ernest Rutherford in 1920; both he and Professor Clark attended primary school in Marlborough and both graduated from the then Canterbury University College of the University of New Zealand. Is this a coincidence?

Four Kiwis Walk into a Bar

When: Last Thursday of every month

Time: Doors open 8.00pm, show starts 8.30pm

Venue: Headliners Comedy Club, George IV, 185 High Road, LONDON W4 2DR

Information: <http://www.sanza.co.uk/>
For further information and bookings:
Email: fourkiwicomedyaol.com
Tel: 07890 830142

ProjectPlus

Project Management Training

ProjectPlus are now up and running in London, with courses offered in many project management disciplines throughout November and into the future.



This New Zealand training company provides many of the professional development courses offered by IPENZ in New Zealand.

For more detail visit their website www.projectplusgroup.co.uk.

IPENZ/EA CHRISTMAS SOIREE REPLY SLIP

Please fill in the details on the slip below and return it by **30 November 2007**, along with your cheque made payable to **IPENZ UK Association**, to:

Honorary Treasurer
IPENZ UK Branch
c/o Judy Henderson
14 Southgate Grove
London
N1 5BP



IPENZ / EA CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE

I will be attending the Christmas Soirée at New Zealand House on 7 December 2007.

My Name

My Partner's Name (if attending)

I am affiliated with IPENZ / EA (delete as appropriate).

There will be _____ people in my party including myself.

Price:

£18.00 per person for IPENZ and EA members and their partners

£25.00 per person for non-members and guests

My cheque for £_____ is enclosed.

For security reasons, please list the names of your guests below.

My Guests' Names:

Signature

Telephone No.

Email Address