



November Newsletter 2010

From the Chairperson

This month we welcome new members to the UK Branch; we review recent events; and we look at a few upcoming events.

Have you got an idea for a Branch event? Or perhaps you are working on a project and are willing to make a presentation to members. If so, please get in touch.

We can assist to organise a suitable location and refreshments.

Also, check out the section below for other events. Should you know of any regular lectures or events where you work or live, let us know and we can share details with the Branch via updates and our website www.ipenz.org.uk

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IPENZ UK Branch Members

Welcome

A warm welcome to the following IPENZ Members who have recently moved to the UK:

- Mr Darrel Oosterbeek
- Mr Kieran Byrne
- Ms Maeve Kennelly
- Mr Cam Lornie
- Mr Jason Kururangi
- Mr Mark Hatchman
- Mr Stuart Bailey

Recent Events

Boat Cruise with Engineers Australia

Dave Bigwood

The annual boat cruise was held on 7 August on board the *Kingston Royale*. We started at Kingston travelling upstream on the Thames past Hampton Court Palace through one lock and on to the next lock. Participants from Engineers Australia and IPENZ and friends enjoyed a relaxed afternoon in some nice tranquil surroundings.

The weather was mostly fine with a good short shower during the cruise that enhanced the atmosphere and helped people to bond as they shared knowledge and experience over some drinks and nibbles.

When we returned to Kingston, we adjourned to a local bar to continue the festivities.

Thanks to GBM Minerals Engineering Consultants for their sponsorship of this event.



Annual Barbeque



The annual barbeque at Henley is one of the highlights of the IPENZ UK Branch calendar and a unique chance to visit this famous British Club, as well as enjoying the company of current and past members and their families.

This year the barbeque was held on Sunday 5 September and the weather threatened our efforts to cook outdoors.

Luckily we were given use of the Club Rooms and enjoyed a sit-down meal whilst surrounded by rowing memorabilia and photos documenting the history of the club.

Thank you again to committee member Ian Kirker and his wife Melissa for organising this event.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Soiree

The annual Christmas Soiree is the highlight of the IPENZ calendar, and this year it will be hosted by Engineers Australia. This year's event will be held in the fabulous Downer Room at the Australian High Commission. There will be a traditional Christmas buffet served with a choice of wine or beer. This event enables you to meet other engineers from Australia and New Zealand and also to spend some time with old acquaintances! It will be a great way to kick off the festive season.

Who: IPENZ UK Members and partners

When and Where: Friday 26 November
Australia House

How: Registrations have now closed

Graduates' Night

Are you thinking about applying for Professional Membership (MIPENZ) and Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) registration, or just wondering what it is all about? Then the graduates' night is for you. We will be holding an information evening in January 2011 so you can find out more about the processes involved as well as meet other graduates and engineers who have recently passed their assessments.

Who: IPENZ UK Members

When and Where: Thursday 27 January (TBC)

How: Watch this space for more information

Other Events of Interest

Geological Society

The Society has a number of interesting and informative scientific conferences and lectures scheduled for 2011.

The next lecture is "Geological Hazards: How Safe is Britain?"

The full conference programme is available to download at
www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/events



Institution of Civil Engineers Events and Conferences

Attending an Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) event or associated society's event is a good way to keep up to date with the latest thinking across the whole field of civil engineering and participate in stimulating exchange of ideas and experience.

You can find out more at www.ice.org.uk/events-conferences

Science Museum Lates

The Science Museum runs "Lates" on the last Wednesday of the month, 6.45–10.00pm, for adults only. This month's theme is "The Science of Games", where you can try your hand in the Launchpad Gallery, go to a Silent Disco or find out if you are a brainbox or blockhead in the pub quiz.

Designing out Waste

The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) are running a series of free training sessions on designing out waste. There is a session coming up covering "Design Stage Forecasting for Civils" projects on Wednesday 24 November in London. This runs for half a day in London and is free to anyone interested. For more info or to register, please visit

www.wrap.org.uk/construction/events_training/civil_design.html

Congress of the National Committee on Water Engineering (NCWE)

On behalf of the 34th International Association of Hydro-Environment Engineering (IAHR) Biennial Congress Organisation, IAHR and Engineers Australia, we are delighted to extend our personal invitation to you to join us in Brisbane, Australia for the 34th Biennial Congress of IAHR. Engineers Australia and its National Committee on Water Engineering (NCWE) are collaborating with IAHR to organise the 34th IAHR Biennial Congress together with the 33rd National Hydrology and Water Resources Symposium and the 10th National Conference on Hydraulics in Water Engineering.

The Congress theme "Balance and Uncertainty: Water in a Changing World" focuses on the central roles of hydraulic engineering, hydrology and water resources in our changing world, and how these roles link to the broader issues. A balance is continually being sought between competing values in water engineering, including the environment, the economy, tourism, social and indigenous values, health aspects, aesthetics, and the needs of current and future generations. Careful management and innovative solutions are required to balance these values, and solutions must be able to deal with the uncertainty in the natural world as well as the changing human world.

Visit the conference website at www.iahr2011.org

Further Events of Interest

If you know of any other events your fellow engineers may be interested in, please forward details to HonSec@IPENZ.org.uk