



February 2011 Newsletter

From the Chairperson - Welcome to our first newsletter of 2011.

Thanks to Simone Beesley

At the end of last year we said good-bye to our Chairperson, Simone Beesley, who has now headed back to New Zealand. Over the past three years Simone has been an invaluable asset to our branch, serving on the Committee as Newsletter Editor and then as Chair. We are all very thankful for her hard work and her energy and enthusiasm will be missed. All the Committee, our members and I wish Simone and Dan all the very best for their return to New Zealand and look forward to hearing from them or catching up again sometime in the future.

The way forward

Our AGM will be held in June, when we will need to vote in a new Chairperson. Now is the time to start thinking about whether this is a challenge you are up for. Until the AGM I have taken over the reins as Acting Chairperson, and Mike Lowe is Acting Secretary.

We have an exciting programme lined up for the year, starting with the graduate event to be held Thursday 10 February at Doggatt's Coat and Badge. This event is not only a chance to find out more about the different pathways available, but also to catch up with other IPENZ Members. Everyone is welcome, and it is a great opportunity for our graduates to hear from and speak to senior and established members over here.

If you haven't had a chance to look at our UK branch website, the address is www.ipenz.org.uk and is another way you can keep up to date with branch news and events.



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IPENZ UK Branch Members

Are you a member of LinkedIn? LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network and connects you to your trusted contacts. It can be used to exchange knowledge, ideas, and opportunities with a broad network of professionals.



We have an IPENZ UK Branch group where you can connect with other IPENZ Members, and keep up to date with branch news and activities.

Call for Nominations

Have you thought of standing for the Committee? Being a member of the Committee is a rewarding experience; it allows you to give something back to the organisation, and have an active say in the events which are run throughout the year. This year the AGM will be held in June, when we will need to elect a new Chair and Secretary.

- The Chairperson runs the branch, chairs Committee meetings and ensures there is a full and varied programme of events during the year.
- The Treasurer looks after our branch finances, particularly events.
- The Secretary deals with general correspondence and takes minutes at our meetings.
- The Committee's role is to support the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you are interested, or you know of someone who would be perfect for one of these roles please send your nominations to Chair@ipenz.org.uk. All volunteers need to be financial Members of IPENZ.

Recent Events

IPENZ/EA Soiree

The Christmas soiree for 2010 was hosted by Engineers Australia, in the stunning setting of Australia House in The Strand. The soiree provided a chance to put sports rivalry aside for a night and socialise with other New Zealand and Australian engineers, and spend time with old acquaintances.



We were treated to a delicious Christmas buffet washed down with a selection of

Aussie wine and beer. Our very own Graham Barber delivered a humorous speech on behalf of IPENZ, before we heard from Engineers Australia. Graham firstly took the opportunity to make special thanks to Simone Beesley for all her hard work over the last few years and in particular over the last two and a half years as Chairperson of IPENZ UK Branch. A period of silence was also observed in respect of the 29 mine workers sadly killed in

the Pike River Mine tragedy.

The soiree was a great way to kick off the festive season. Many thanks to Tianca McHenry and Engineers Australia for organising the event.



Upcoming Events

Graduates' Night

Are you thinking about applying for MIPENZ and CP Eng, or just wondering what it is all about? If so, the Graduates' Night is for you. We will be holding an information evening in February so you can find out more about the processes involved, and meet other graduates and engineers who have recently passed their assessments.

Who: IPENZ UK Members

Date: Thursday 10 February 2011

Time: 6.45 for 7.00pm start

Venue: Doggett's Coat and Badge Terrace Bar, 1 Blackfriars Bridge

RSVP ASAP to Chair@ipenz.org.uk

2011 Calendar

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 10 February	Graduate Night	An information evening for graduates looking to gain CPEng accreditation.
March/April	Technical talk on the Shard	A follow up on the technical talk held in 2010.
Monday 25 April	ANZAC softball game against Engineers Australia	Each year we take on EA at softball.
Monday 14 March	Committee Meeting	Committee only.
May	Site visit to Olympic park followed by technical talk	Members and guests. The countdown is on London 2012.

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June	AGM and Technical talk - possibly on the Christchurch earthquake	Members only. Guests are welcome but are unable to vote.
July/Aug	Boat cruise on the Thames with Engineers Australia	A chance to view London from the water.
Sunday 4 September	Annual BBQ at Henley Rowing Club	IPENZ UK Members, partners and families. The traditional BBQ at the Henley on Thames Rowing Club.
October	Graduate Night	A second information evening for graduates.
Nov	Technical talk on Forth Road Bridge	Event to be confirmed.
Dec	Christmas Soiree	Members and partners. Our annual Christmas soiree is the IPENZ/EA social event of the year. This year we will be hosting the event.

Have you got an idea for a Branch event? Perhaps you are working on a project and are willing to make a presentation to members. If so, please get in touch. We can help organise a suitable location and refreshments.

Other Events of Interest

Geological Society

The Geological Society has a number of interesting and informative scientific conferences and lectures scheduled for 2011. The next lecture is entitled "Challenged by Carbon".

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

ICE Events and Conferences

Attending an ICE event or Associated Societies 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.

Future events include:

- Energy from Waste conference – Avoid Wasting the Opportunities
- Ground Engineering Design and Construction for Off-Shore Wind Farms.

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

Further Events of Interest

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

