



Branch Newsletter May 2011

From the Chairperson

Welcome to my last newsletter as acting Chair for the IPENZ United Kingdom Branch. It has been a rewarding experience and one I'd recommend. I'd like to thank my committee for all the help in running the Branch and putting together an exciting programme. Our Annual General Meeting is just over a month away (Wednesday 6 July), and I'd like to encourage you to come along and have your say, and maybe even consider standing for the committee.



The year got off to a quiet start, with most of us staying indoors through the cold weather, but our programme has now ramped up with lots of exciting events and technical talks. Recent events have included bowling with Engineers Australia and a tour of the Olympic Park.

We have a busy summer programme ahead of us, starting with the AGM and Christchurch technical talk, a boat cruise with Engineers Australia and our annual BBQ at Henley. We will also be visited this summer by IPENZ Chief Executive Andrew Cleland, while on his way to the World Federation of Engineering Organisations in Geneva.

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

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IPENZ UK Branch Members

Welcome

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

Gary Green

Quinn Ho

Elly Rishworth

Guy Wood

Francis Berrysmith

Danny Banganay

Timothy Howarth

Guy Lascelles

LinkedIn

Did you know we have an IPENZ UK Branch group on LinkedIn where you can connect with other IPENZ Members, as well as keep up-to-date with Branch news and activities?

Call for Nominations

Have you thought of standing for the committee? Being a committee member is a rewarding experience, and allows you to give something back to the organisation as well as have an active say in the events which are run throughout the year.

This year the AGM will be held in June, and we will need to elect a new Chair and Secretary.

- The President runs the Branch, including charring committee meetings, and ensures there is a full and varied programme of events throughout the year.
- The Treasurer looks after 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.nz. All volunteers need to be financial Members of IPENZ.

Recent Events

Graduates' Night

Our Graduates' Night was held on 10 February this year, at Doggett's Coat and Badge Terrace Bar overlooking the Thames. It was a chance for graduates to find out more about the accreditation process and for members to meet and encourage our UK graduates. Even though there was a low turnout of graduates, those who attended gained a lot from the evening and were able to explore their unique routes to accreditation.

If any graduates missed the Graduates' Night, but would like to find out more about the process for MIPENZ in the UK, please contact John Matthews on cacoordinator@ipenz.org.uk or phone (07710) 515 809.

Thanks to John Matthews for running the event.

ANZAC Ten-Pin Bowling with Engineers Australia

With ANZAC Day falling on a long weekend, Engineers Australia and IPENZ decided to dispense with the traditional ANZAC softball match and try something different with a more relaxed bowling and pizza night instead.

The event was held a week before Anzac Day at the Bloomsbury Bowling Lanes in Russell Square, a venue best described as shabby-chic with its 1950s American diner theme. We ended up forgoing the Australia vs New Zealand rivalry, with mixed groups focused on getting the strike, avoiding the gutter ball, having fun and socialising with fellow Antipodeans and engineers.

We had an hour to bowl and managed a game-and-a-half each. With the highest score of the evening at 133, the games did indeed involve many strikes, spares and a few gutter balls as well. The bowling was followed by some enormous 26-inch pizzas with a few drinks and laughs.

Many thanks to Raymond Lowe and Engineers Australia for organising this fun night out.



Olympic Tour and Technical Talk



On Monday 23 May, 30 members and their guests ventured out to Pudding Mill Lane and the 2012 Olympic Park.

We were taken round the whole Olympic Park, past sites including the handball arena, media centre, velodrome, BMX circuit, basketball arena, athletes' village, aquatics centre and of course the stadium. There were mixed views on the Olympic sculpture which is being created next to the stadium! As we went round, Lizi Stansfield gave us an overview of the Games, the different organisations involved and warned us to allow enough time to walk from one end of the site to the other during the Games.

Mike Breton, Project Manager, and Mike O'Donnell, Commercial Manger, both at Sir Robert McAlpine, talked about the construction of the stadium, which was completed earlier this year. The stadium is unique from other Olympic stadiums, with a much smaller footprint than previous stadiums. One of our members, Judith Schulz, also spoke about the fire engineering of the stadium. For anyone who was not

able to make the event, the Olympic Delivery Authority operates free bus tours of the Olympic Park on weekends and selected weekdays. To book a place phone 0300 2012 001.



Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting and Christchurch Earthquake Technical Talk

This year we are fortunate to have Matthew Free and Damian Grant, members of the Earthquake Engineering Field Investigation Team, present their findings from their recent trip to Christchurch, New Zealand, along with Des Andrew from Halcrow who will focus on the liquefaction aspects. You can have your say on who will lead our Branch for the next year, and enjoy a fantastic technical talk by leading and learned kiwi engineers on the Christchurch earthquakes.

Who: IPENZ UK Members and guests

What: AGM and Christchurch Earthquake Technical Talk

Where: Institution of Structural Engineers, 11 Upper Belgrave Street, London, SW1X 8BH

When: Wednesday 6 July 2011

Time: 6.00pm sharp (6.30pm for the Technical Talk only)

Cost: Free for members, £10 for guests

How: RSVP by 29 June to chair@ipenz.org.uk

Boat Cruise with Engineers Australia

We have been invited to join Engineers Australia on its annual Thames Boat Cruise. This is an excellent opportunity to view the Thames from a different aspect.

Who: IPENZ UK Members

What: Boat Cruise with Engineers Australia

Where: Golden Star, departing from Temple Pier

When: Saturday 6 August 2011

How: RSVP to events@engineersaustralia.co.uk

For more information visit www.engineersaustralia.co.uk/events_list.asp

Annual BBQ at Henley

The annual BBQ at Henley is one of the highlights of the IPENZ calendar and a unique chance to visit the famous Henley Rowing Club as well as enjoy the company of current and past members and their families. This year it will be held at the start of September.

Who: IPENZ UK Members
What: Annual BBQ
Where: Henley Rowing Club
When: Sunday 4 September 2011
How: More information to follow



2011 Calendar

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday 6 July	Technical talk on the Christchurch earthquake, and AGM	Members only. Guests are welcome but are unable to vote.
Saturday 6 August	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.
Late September	Technical Talk – The Shard	Event to be confirmed.
October	Graduate Night	A second information evening for graduates will be held if there is enough interest.
Friday 25 November	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.

Other possible events this year include technical talks on the Sheikh Zayed Bridge or Forth Bridge, a second Olympic tour, site visit to the Canary Wharf Crossrail Station, and climbing the tower of Big Ben.

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 with organising a suitable location and refreshments.

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: President's Day and AGM on 8 June 2011.

More information, and a full list of events, is available at www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/events

Institution of Civil Engineers Events and Conferences

Attending an event of the Institution of Civil Engineers or its associated societies event is a great way to both keep up-to-date with the latest thinking across the whole field of civil engineering and participate in the stimulating exchange of ideas and experience.

Future events include:

- OES – Capacity of Grouted Connections in Wind Turbine Structures
- Outcomes of the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) Pilot Study: Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Construction Sector

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

New Zealand Universities Graduates' Association Buffet Supper



The New Zealand Universities Graduates' Association (NZUGA) is hosting a talk at New Zealand House on Friday 10 June 2011 (evening) by high profile kiwi woman, Dr Gill Greer. Her topic is, "How would Katherine Mansfield's life have been different if International Planned Parenting Federation had existed?"

Dr Greer has addressed the United Nations, various parliamentary committees and international forums, and has kindly agreed to speak to the NZUGA and its friends. She is a highly inspirational speaker who is passionate about her work, so it should be quite a night. The event is open to all, however advance booking is required.

For more information and to book go to www.nzuga.co.uk

Clandon Park

Clandon Park is a National Trust property with a New Zealand connection. It is holding two New Zealand-related events this summer, both of which are free (normal admission charges apply). Clandon Park is in West Clandon, Guildford, Surrey, GU24 7RQ. For more information see www.nationaltrust.co.uk

"Maori and Pacific Day of Dance" – a celebration of Maori and Pacific culture focused on Hinemihi, the Maori meeting house, 12.00pm–3.00pm Sunday 4 September.

"Clandon Uncovered: New Zealand Connection" – discover Clandon's unique links with New Zealand and learn why it will have a Maori meeting house in the garden, 1.30pm–3.30pm Wednesday 6 July.



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