

OCTOBER 2012

From the Chair

I hope you've had a great Jubilee and Olympic summer and managed to get along to some of our events as well. Since the AGM in June we've had a couple of great technical talks, the boat cruise and the summer barbecue.

Coming up are more technical talks, and this year we will be joining Engineers Australia at Australia House for the Christmas Soirée (details below – RSVP required by 29 October).

The next talk is this Thursday evening at Arup's London offices - please come along (details below). Brian Stratton of UK Power Networks will be presenting on the Olympic Park power infrastructure. For security reasons we had to wait until after the Olympics for this one. Email me at: chair@ipenz.org.uk if you can make it.

At our AGM earlier this year we had the privilege of recognising the contribution to Engineering innovation made by UK Branch member Ian Kirker, who has been elected a Fellow of IPENZ. Congratulations Ian, and thank you Jonathan Gammon for nominating Ian. (Pictured right. Ian Kirker, with certificate, being congratulated by fellow FIPENZ, Jonathan Gammon.)



The UK Branch triathlon team (pictured left) completed the London Triathlon in September, setting a personal best time (it was actually the first time) of swim (me) 29:38, bike (Paul Howard) 1:25:06 and jog (me again because Rory injured his knee in training) 1:03:50 = total time 3:03:50.

We raised £330 for the University of Canterbury Ceismic Canterbury earthquake digital archive. Thanks very much to everyone who made a donation. We would like to contribute further, so the charity page is still open at www.purecharity.org/info/KS.329 for the next couple of weeks. Please give generously if you haven't already - we promise to beat our time next year - and we challenge you to try and beat our time too!

See you soon.
Kelvin Smith
Chair@ipenz.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Technical Talk – 'Powering the Games'

Thursday 25 October, RSVP NOW!

Brian Stratton, Head of London 2012 for UK Power Networks will present an overview of the preparation works and operations that UK Power Networks put in place to ensure London 2012 had resilient supply of electricity to all its venues. Brian will also describe his experiences of helping to build the Olympic Park, which at the time was Europe's largest urban redevelopment project.



Time: 6:00pm arrival, beer, wine and food; 6:30pm Presentation
Venue: Ove Arup Offices - Ahm/Martin Room, 13 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 4BQ
Price: £5 IPENZ/EA members; £8 non members
RSVP to: chair@ipenz.org.uk NOW!

See our Branch website www.ipenz.org.uk for payment details:

Graduates Evening

November (date t.b.a), 18:30 for 19:00 start
CNM offices, Hammersmith, London

We are arranging a Graduates Information Evening to be held in November. This is your opportunity to meet our competence assessment team, discuss the membership routes and processes, plan the next steps and meet others going through the same process.

Cost: Free. Light refreshments provided

Register your Interest to: CACoord@ipenz.org.uk

Technical Talk – Bulgari Hotel, Knightsbridge

Thursday 8 November, 18:30 for 19:00 start
Arup offices, 13 Fitzroy St, London, W1T 4BQ
Thomas Tong and Chris Playle from WSP Group will give a presentation on the structural engineering considerations that went into the design of the Bulgari Hotel in Knightsbridge, London. The Bulgari Hotel is a world class development on a compact and highly constrained site in a complex urban environment.

Cost: Free entry. Light refreshments provided.

RSVP: by Tuesday 6th November to
events@engineersaustralia.co.uk

More details: http://www.engineersaustralia.co.uk/events_detail.asp?E_EventId=282



Christmas Soiree - IEAust and IPENZ

Friday 30 November
Starts 18:00 sharp (no entry after 18:30)

This year's Soirée will be held in the fabulous **Downer Room at the Australian High Commission**. There will be a traditional Christmas buffet served together with a choice of wine or beer.

This event will enable you to meet other engineers from Australia and New Zealand, or spend some time with old acquaintances! A great way to kick off the festive season.

(Entrance is on the Eastern End of Aldwych Semi-circle - look for the Australian Flag). Nearest tube stations: Temple, Holborn, and Charing Cross. Buses terminating at or travelling via Aldwych stop near Australia House. Upon arrival you will need to pass through Australia House security screening.



We are expecting a large turnout to this event and it should be a fabulous evening, so get your tickets fast!

RSVP please by Monday 29 October to: events@engineersaustralia.co.uk

Ticket prices (per person includes meal and drinks!):

IEAust/IPENZ Members and 1 x partner/guest - £15.00 each; Non-members and additional guests - £25.00 each

Payment Details:

Engineers Australia UK Chapter
Santander Business Bank
Account Number: 3486 8606
Sort Code: 09 01 55

Dress Code: Semi-Formal / Cocktail

Finishing time: 22:00 sharp.

For those of you not ready to go home at the end of the night we will be continuing the party at a nearby venue to be advised.

See Engineers Australia website for the [Christmas Soiree Flyer](#)

Welcome to new Branch members

A warm welcome to the following IPENZ Members who have recently moved to the UK, we hope to meet you at our events soon: Ben Parkes, Paul Lloyd, Nik George, Will Oswald, Matt Bennett, Richard Mountford, Liam Duff and Samuel Mayston.



<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/IPENZ-UK-Branch-2232787>

Please join our IPENZ UK LinkedIn group. It is an open group, so please encourage your non-member colleagues to join as well. You can connect with other IPENZ members, learn of job opportunities, as well as keep up to date with branch news and activities.

Job Opportunities

Hays Quarterly Report - Engineering in New Zealand

Structural Engineers with seismic design and analysis experience, Transportation Engineers and Planners, Civil Engineers, Geotechnical Engineers and Structural Drafters are all in demand due to the Christchurch rebuild and recovery. Release of the blue print has meant that more building design and pre-construction work is now taking place in both the residential and commercial sector. According to Sam Atkins of Hays Globalink, "job offers will be made swiftly to New Zealand-experienced structural engineers and geotechnical engineers as there will be great competition for these professionals."

As the civil repair work gathers pace over the coming months there will be a significant amount of work for the region causing increases in demand for Site Engineers, Project Engineers and Project Managers.

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worldwide

Professional Quantity Surveyors, Senior Project Managers (Consultancy), Project Engineers (civil), Site Engineers (civil), Project Managers (residential) and Engineering Geologists are also in demand. Although the work is Christchurch based, the design component is also outsourced to Auckland.

"The nature of this candidate-short market has meant that even more emphasis has been put on people moving from overseas including the UK, Australia and US, and employers are more open to consider candidates from regions outside of these countries if they have gained seismic design experience," Atkins affirms.

As demand continues to increase for candidates in this industry, salaries and value-adds for employees will become more common. Meanwhile, we are seeing salary increases for intermediate candidates moving to the region.

For more information on working in New Zealand's booming engineering sector, contact Sam Atkins by phone on +44 (0) 203 465 0158, email Samuel.atkins@hays.com or LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/sam-atkins/29/120/845>

Sam is an experienced engineering recruitment consultant with experience both in Australia and the UK. He has been with Hays since 2010 and since transferring to the UK to run the Engineering division, has had multiple placements with New Zealand engineering consultancies. He recruits for civil, structural, transport and geotechnical engineers/engineering geologists. Despite being a Wallabies supporter, he recruits exclusively for the New Zealand market from here in London and works closely with Hays' offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Hays Globalink is a specialist division of Hays that is based in London to support professionals with their move to New Zealand. If you're a qualified engineer looking to relocate, we can provide free assistance and advice to give you the best possible start in your career.

Our team is dedicated to making your international career transition as efficient as possible, and we should be your first point of contact to secure the best job in your new destination.

The consultants are able to offer helpful advice in the following areas:

- Current market trends
- Salary guidelines
- Update resumes with references and any international experience
- Arrange interviews in New Zealand prior to your departure and advice on how to apply for tax file numbers, accommodation, suburbs, healthcare and general cost of living

As a leading global expert in qualified, professional and skilled recruitment we have the expertise to ensure your move to New Zealand is the right one.

Recent Events

AGM and Prestige Lecture

Our AGM this year was held at the London Southbank University, with great views across to London City. After the usual formalities we were able to congratulate Ian Kirker on his election to Fellow of IPENZ and then enjoy the fantastic Caspian Sea oil and gas presentation by Andrew Delugar (*right*).



The Committee for 2012/13 remains the same as last year, with the addition of Liam Duff.

Chair:	Kelvin Smith	Committee Members:
Secretary:	Mike Lowe	Judy Henderson
Treasurer:	Kamal Patel	Ian Kirker
		Graham Barber
		Jonathan Gammon
		Andrew Delugar
		David Bigwood
		Liam Duff

Hovertrans Technical Talk

In July Dan Turner of Hovertrans Solutions showed us how to move thousands of tonnes in payload over swamps / wetlands, tundra and shallow water, whilst minimising the environmental footprint.

Dan is an engaging and entertaining speaker who is very enthusiastic about Hoverbarges, so a great evening was had by all.



Henley Summer Barbecue



It was another great day at Henley for the Summer Barbecue with plenty of food, including Jenny Gammon's legendary banoffee pie, and fun for the kids. Thanks once again to Ian and Melissa Kirker for organising a great day out.

And thanks to Ian for the tour of the clubhouse, showing us the legendary blades of Charles Burnell – including the Olympic Gold medal-winning blade from 1908.