

Greetings from The Branch Chair: Jonathan Gammon

The UK Branch continues to strengthen its relationship with other multi-discipline professional institutions represented in the UK, including Engineers Australia, the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and Engineers Ireland. By sharing news and arrangements for both technical and social events, we hope that we are giving our Members a sufficiently frequent and broad programme of activities in which to take part.

The ability to receive communications from IPENZ via email and to obtain IPENZ-related news and documents via the internet, from anywhere in the World, means that not all members of IPENZ or prospective members of IPENZ who are living in the UK are registering themselves with the UK Branch. Please encourage friends and work colleagues from New Zealand to register with us and let us know when you have done so, so we can track their registration. We know from the records of NZ Engineers in the UK held by recruitment agencies, such as Hays, that the Branch is in direct contact with a very small fraction of those eligible to take part in the Branch's activities.

The matter of work opportunities in the UK and related immigration issues have been the subject of correspondence between the UK Branch and the UK Government's Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), to whom a submission was made by IPENZ in September last year. The result of the EU Referendum has added momentum to our approaches to the UK Government by creating the opportunity for a "level playing field" to be in place for the recruitment of engineers to the UK on the basis of a global catchment, without a bias to EU Countries. We are drafting a paper to enable IPENZ in Wellington to plan a way forward in its relationship with UK-based engineering institutions, the relevant parts of the UK Government, and other interested parties. Watch this space!

Thank you, again, for your continued support. Jonathan Gammon, <u>Chair@ipenz.org.uk</u> / <u>www.ipenz.org.uk</u>

### **Recent Events**

### EA / IPENZ River Boat Cruise

With the warm weather making a skirting appearance, it was time to take to the water. With close to 50 people jumping aboard the river cruise we headed upstream, taking in some of the sites London has to offer from a unique vantage point off the Themes.

While the water lapped up and the rain fell down, a large number of beers were sank. Combining this with a great spread of food and even dessert, the 3 hours disappeared in no time. With lots of engineering talk and the now familiar Brexit discussions, it was good to stop swaying and get back onto dry land, where the good time rolled on for a large number onto some nearby bars.

A great annual event ran by EA and sponsored by GBM, and must do for IPENZ member next year if have not experienced it before.



## IPENZ UK Branch AGM and Tech Talk

The IPENZ UK branch held its AGM followed by a Technical Talk given by Dr Amatya on the Kathmandu Earthquakes. A great evening of ideas and dreaming by members, followed by a great technical talk on a subject most New Zealanders have a connection with.

The branch committee this year is:

Chairman:	Jonathan Gammon
Honorary Secretary:	Robert Lorimer
Honorary Treasurer:	Judy Henderson
Committee Members:	Andrew Delugar – Ex-Officio Immediate Past Chairman
	lan Kirker
	David Bigwood
	Richard Parkinson – newsletter editor
	Liam Duff
	Fritha Bevin McCrimmon
Branch Support	Selwyn Aickin – webmaster and Dropbox administrator
	John Matthews and Paul Howard – professional practice/competence development

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Engineers Australia National Presidents Visit - 4th August

EA have invited us to join them for their President Visit. Further details and the RSVP form can be found on EA's website, or on this <u>link</u>.

### IPENZ Annaul Summer BBQ - 4th September

Get ready for the IPENZ summer event of the year, the annual summer BBQ is coming. Keep the day free, and look out for the invite that will be emailed out shortly. Or email <u>BBQ@ipenz.org.uk</u> for more information.

Henley Rowing Club, Henley on Thames. Wargrave Rd, Henley-On-Thames Oxfordshire RG9 3JD

### HKIE Riverboat Cruise – 11<sup>th</sup> September

Feel like you missed out on the EA boat cruise, have no fear, the HKIE are here to save the day. HKIE have invited us to join them on their boat cruise. For further details and RSVP please contact editor@ipenz.org.uk

# IPENZ Embankment to Brunel Museum (including boat ride) – 1<sup>st</sup> October

Keen to understand the a bit more about London, IPENZ invite you to join together and explore the birth place of the city. If For further details and RSVP please contact. For more information on what it will entail click <u>here</u>.

If you are interested in attending this event, please email editor@ipenz.org.uk to register your interest.

#### Christmas Soiree hosted at Australia House – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

Keep this date free to join in the Christmas celebrations, further details to follow later in the year.

### **Branch Memberships**

The IPENZ UK branch congratulates the following members on achieving Professional Recognition recently:Stephen ButlerMIPENZRichard ParkinsonMIPENZMarcus YorttMIPENZ

The IPENZ UK branch welcomes the following members to the branch: Damien Rogers John Cameron Robert Delos Reyes

If you have any suggestions or things you want to see in the newsletter, please email editor@ipenz.org.uk