
**SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW
CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE
FOR AGM 11 MAY 2011**

1. **Membership:** Current members - 2110 (1714 full members and 380 overseas members). Some 30 new members applying to join each month.
2. **Papers:** since last year's AGM we have published 19 papers, on topics ranging from causation (Akenhead J) to e-disclosure.
3. **London:** In the past year there has been a full complement (14 in no.) of first-rate talks, matched by strong attendances. Talks on insolvency, causation (Akenhead J), NEC, and China have been popular, and the Hudson prize (part 2) is next week, with one speaker travelling from Australia.
4. **Regions:** A year in which many new co-ordinators have been finding their feet. No less than 34 talks throughout the country in the various regions – no mean feat! One speaker was called on to speak at no less than 5 locations, reflecting a talk much in demand (Time in NEC3). The multiple use of talks can be the way forward.

5. **International:** Close liaison and assistance provided to associated societies around the world (ESCL, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, UAE, and Mauritius). Two yearly International Conference held by Hong Kong last December. Latin American Society to be launched in Sao Paolo next week. China and India under discussion. Far cry from JT QC's kitchen in 1983!
6. The **Junior SCL** continues to grow and we hosted our usual range of events with a site visit, Christmas lecture and the very successful Joint Organisations Junior Boat Trip on the Thames in July, attended this year by 150 people. We are planning more lectures and events over the coming months and the boat trip is in place for another year, this time in conjunction with CIOB Novus as well as RICS Matrics.
7. **Social:** Largest turn out for all our events this year: Brewery lunch – 650; Dinner – over 200. Scottish and Leeds lunch. Contemplating an autumn dinner in London.
8. **Finances** – hand over to Richard for Report [healthy].

STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

Current members: 2110 (1714 full members and 380 overseas members)

Paid online: 1482

Paid by cheque: 542

New members this year: 176

Members from UK: 1626

Members from overseas: 470, from the following countries:

Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, St Vincent, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States, Vietnam,

WEBSITE

1481 members have agreed for their contact details to be available to other members

1311 members have requested to receive the newsletter by email only, while 772 want it by both post and email, and 21 by post only

1309 members have requested to receive new papers by email only, while 774 want it by both post and email, and 21 by post only

468 academics are registered on the site for free paper downloads, of which 405 are students and 63 are staff

REGIONS

The numbers of members from each region are as follows:

Birmingham: 131

Bristol: 116

Cardiff: 46

Edinburgh: 74

Eire: 76

Glasgow: 77

Leeds: 108

London: 940

Manchester: 137

Milton Keynes: 26

Newcastle: 49

Oxford-Reading: 95

Sheff-Derby-Notts: 48

Southern: 178

PROFESSIONS

The numbers of members from each profession are as follows:

Academic: 20

Accountant: 4

Adjudicator: 32

Arbitrator: 20

Architect: 45

Barrister: 212

Chartered Surveyor: 3

Civil Engineer: 7

Claims consultant: 320

Construction client: 35

Consultant: 4

Contractor: 86

Director: 1

Engineer: 135

Judge: 1

Lawyer: 1

Lecturer: 2

Manager: 3
Mediator: 7
notselected: 47
Other: 151
Other construction consultant: 138
Other lawyer: 75
Planner: 5
Project manager: 65
QC: 1
Quantity Surveyor: 15
Solicitor: 986
Student: 6
Subcontractor: 5
Surveyor: 262