

- Tuesday,
2 June “International Process Plant Contracts: the IChemE forms”
Speaker: Gordon Bateman
Chairman: Paul Buckingham
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm
- Wednesday,
3 June *A joint event between SCL, CIArb and 3PB*
“Litigation v ADR - a heavyweight contest over four rounds ”
Speakers: Four barristers from 3 Paper Buildings
Venue: The Rose Bowl, Southampton SO30 6.00pm
Organiser: kathryn.gore@bllaw.co.uk
- Wednesday,
10 June “The ADR Debate”
Speakers: Stuart Kennedy – litigation, Peter Aeberli - Arbitration,
Tony Bingham - Adjudication & Graeme Sampson – Mediation
Chairman: HHJ Grant
Venue: Clarke Willmott, 138 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 6 for 6.15pm
Organiser: selvaratnam@mail.com
- Tuesday,
16 June “Constructing Construction Contracts: principles, policies and practices
ten years after ICS and West Bromwich”
Speaker: Nicholas Baatz QC
Chairman: Jocelyn Taylor
Venue: DLA Piper LLP, 1 St Paul's Place, Sheffield S1 6.15pm
Organiser: Jocelyn.Taylor@nelsonslaw.co.uk
- Tuesday,
23 June “25 Years of Deciding Disputes...Lessons?”
Speaker: Tony Bingham
Chairman: David Rintoul
Venue: The Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH 6 for 6:15pm
Organiser: mamas.stavrou@brewerconsulting.co.uk
- Thursday,
25 June Speakers: Wendy McLaughlin and Michael Stokes
Chairman: Nerys Jefford QC
Venue: Jury's Inn Hotel, Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire MK9 2HP 6.15pm
Organiser: michael@michael-gerard.co.uk
- Tuesday,
7 July *Joint SCL/Society of Construction Arbitrators Meeting*
Speaker: Karen Gough
Chairman: tbc
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm
- Thursday,
9 July *Junior SCL Boat Trip*
Organiser: rbailey@fenwickelliott.co.uk
*The annual junior boat trip will be held again in conjunction with
RICsMatrix and Generation 4 Collaboration the junior part of the
RICS and Constructing Excellence respectively.
Further details to be provided shortly.*

London Speaker Programme: Feedback and suggestions for speakers and topics continue to be gratefully received by the organising committee: njefford@keatingchambers.com pboast@trowers.com and julian.bailey@cms-cmck.com

The AGM and Annual Dinner

The AGM will take place at Middle Temple Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 13th May. See separate item below on this year's election.

The AGM usually lasts no more than half an hour. After which, pre-dinner drinks are served – in the gardens, if fine – followed by dinner in the magnificent 16th century Middle Temple Hall.

The annual dinner is the one function of the year reserved for SCL members only and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. We particularly urge those new to the Society, or those of you who have never been before, to come along to this very friendly function and meet your fellow members.

The price is £80 per member (to include pre-dinner drinks and wine). A flyer giving details of how to book is attached to this newsletter.

AGM and Council Election 2009

Would you like to stand for Council?

Most members of council are likely to say that being on Council is enjoyable, fun and also hard work (not necessarily in that order). There are no precedents or protocols on Council membership, the one thing all Councillors have in common is a sense of humour and an appreciation of good wine! The strength of Council is its diversity of backgrounds and experience; it is up to members to ensure that this diversity remains. Council members typically attend up to six Council meetings per year and join one or more subcommittees in areas such as the SCL Hudson prize, the talks programme, social events programme, TCC, CIC, policy matters, ethics and IT.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Council before deciding whether or not to stand, please contact the Chairman Barry Milton on barry.milton@btinternet.com or 01474 816 674 or contact any other officers of the Society, who will be happy to give you further information.

If you would like to stand for election to Council, please contact Jackie Morris on admin@scl.org.uk to let her know. If you decide to stand, the procedure is as follows:

- 1 You must be a paid up member of the Society.
- 2 You must be nominated and seconded by paid up members of the Society.
- 3 You must provide the following information:
 - (a) Your name
 - (b) Your work/practice address
 - (c) Your profession
 - (d) The names of your proposer and seconder
 - (e) The year you joined the Society (if you cannot remember, then admin can help)
- 4 You must also provide an election statement, not exceeding 100 words by Tuesday, 14th April.

Paid up members will be able to vote by postal ballot or, alternatively, at the AGM to be held at 6.30pm at Middle Temple Hall on Wednesday, 13th May.

New SCL website

The new website is due to go live on 6 April. Members may therefore experience disruption to areas of the existing website while the process of data migration from the old to the new website is being completed. We apologise for any inconvenience but we are sure that when the new website is finally launched, it will prove to be a great improvement on the old one.

Junior SCL Easter Lecture on 16 April 2009 (see full details in the above programme)

Speaker Derek Edwards is a professional engineer by training, with over fifteen years experience. He started his career in Hong Kong with a renowned design consultant and then joined a major contractor and has worked in various parts of the world, including the Far East, northern and southern Africa, and lately the Middle East, on different large scale and prestigious projects. Derek has been involved in most aspects of construction, including design, claims formulation and dispute resolution. He is currently undertaking training with the aim of becoming a barrister, and hopes to be able to practice at the UK Bar upon completion.

There is no charge for attendance at this lecture but places are limited to 120 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note: Although the Easter Lecture is open to all, preference will be given to Junior SCL members.

SCL Prize for Best Dissertation

Members may be aware that the Society awards annual grants to universities for the purchase of construction law related books. In addition, we also offer to each university an SCL prize to be awarded to the student with the best construction law related dissertation. At the recent award ceremony at London South Bank University, SCL Councillor Peter Phillipppo awarded the SCL prize to Gill Macquarie who gained a distinction for her dissertation; the findings of which were presented at the RICS COBRA Conference in Dublin under a paper headed 'Collaboratively working and the Housing Grants, Regeneration and Construction Act 1996: a better deal for specialist subcontractors?' Macquarie & Adriaanse.

Papers

Two more papers presented to the International Conference held in October have been published online:

First, Peter Scott Caldwell's paper, "The World Bank Form of Contract" (D96). The author looks at FIDIC's Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works designed by the Employer, Multilateral Development Bank harmonised edition, published in March 2006 (which is based on FIDIC's 1999 Red Book). He considers some of the more important features and some of the more unusual clauses, considering both the differences from the Red Book and the first, March 2005 edition, where appropriate.

Secondly, John B Tieder's paper, "Methods of dealy analysis and how they are viewed by the United States legal system" (D97). The paper looks at the current jurisprudence regarding proof of delay claims in the United States legal system. The author sets out the various jurisdictions and courts before which such claims may be brought in the US (both for Government and non-Government contracts), and the separate statutory, common law and procedural rules applicable, before looking at the proliferation of various methods of 'proof of delay' and the lack of an accepted protocol (such as the SCL's Delay and Disruption Protocol).

Construction Industry Council

The CIC website contains various Government consultation documents on subjects such as “Carbon Emissions Reduction Target” and the “Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP)”. Members who wish to participate should visit the CIC website at www.cic.org.uk/home/index.shtml

New Members

Finally, we are pleased to welcome the new members who joined the Society in March:

Tarek Abdel-Fattah, Cairo, Egypt	Andrew Agapiou, Glasgow
Jonathan Arnold, St Albans, Herts	Michael Biscoe, Holt, Norfolk
Martin Brown, Zwingenberg, Germany	Richard Bullock, London
Len Bunton, Dunblane	Matthew Clover, Lymington
Michael Creedon, Brisbane, Australia	George Diab, Bellevue Hill, Australia
Paul Doyle, Warrington, Lancs	Brian Eagles, Rossendale, Lancs
Anthony Foster, Taipei, Taiwan	David Gibson, London
Andrew Goddard, London	Geraldine Gray, Melbourne, Australia
Rónán Hanna, London	John Hinchliffe, Cambridge
Brian Hivon, Wellington, New Zealand	Toby Hunt, London
Eddy Isworo, Dubai, UAE	Roy Kirkcaldy, Leominster, Herts
Jim Kirkham, London	Owen Lawrence, London
Tom Marke, London	Toby McCallum, London
Alasdair McKenzie, Edinburgh	Nikolaos Michalakis, Twickenham, Middx
Stefan Müller, Eggolsheim, Germany	Stephen Ollis, Maidstone, Kent
Joseph Otoo, London	Robert Palles-Clark, Woking, Surrey
Conrad Purcell, Kings Langley, Herts	Russell Rahman, Cheltenham
Karen Scott, Guildford, Surrey	Magdalena Skalska-Burgess, London
Richard Streeter, London	Julian Sutton, Rochester, Kent
Philip Taberner, Bolton	Graham Tudge, Doha, Qatar
Christine Vallis, London	David Vaughan, London
Scott Weatherby, Stirling	Thaminda Wickramaarachchi, Dubai, UAE
Lisa Williams, Wickford	Mark Wing, London
Ying Ha Wong, Hong Kong	Stephen Woodward, Fleet, Hants