



NEWSLETTER : JANUARY 2010

Programme

Unless marked otherwise, the following meetings are free to members and guests.

Location maps are now always available on the website.

All are welcome but for those meetings where the organiser's telephone or email is given, it would be helpful if you could please let them know of your intention to attend.

- Tuesday,
12 January *In association with the Adjudication Society*
"Technical Challenges to Adjudicator's Decisions"
Speaker: Hamish Lal
Chairman: David Rintoul
Venue: The Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading RG1 1QH 6 for 6:15pm
Organiser: *Mamas.Stavrou@FTIConsulting.com*
- Tuesday,
19 January "Using adjudication to resolve disputes where one of the parties is insolvent"
Speaker: Peter Vinden
Chairman: Bob Davies
Venue: Lecture Theatre 118, The Northern Terrace, Civic Quarter,
Leeds LS1 3HE 6.15pm
Organiser: *jhawkswell@thkp.co.uk*
- Tuesday,
2 February "Does poor Project Governance cause project delays?"
Speaker: Anthony Morgan
Chairman: Adrian Hughes QC
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6:15pm
- Friday,
12 February "Lunch at the Brewery"
Speaker: Marcus Brigstocke, comedian and satirist
Venue: The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4SD 12.30 for 1pm
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- Thursday,
25 February "Changes to the Construction Act: A damp squib?"
Speaker: Professor Rudi Klein
Chairman: Simon Lewis
Venue: University of Northumbria, Built Environment Research Hub
Second Floor, Wynne Jones Building, Ellison Place
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8ST 6.00pm
Organiser: *Simon.Lewis@dickinson-dees.com*
- Thursday,
25 February "Contract interpretation: a new approach?"
Speaker: Nicholas Baatz QC
Chairman: Nichola Vine
Venue: Gateley Wareing, One Eleven Edmund Street
Birmingham B3 2HJ 5.45 for 6pm
Organiser: *Ian.Yule@sp-legal.co.uk*

- Tuesday,
2 March “The Perfect Adjudicator's Decision”
Speaker: Mr Justice Coulson
Chairman: Paul Darling QC
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6:15pm
- Friday,
5 March *SCL Annual Conference in partnership with The RICS & Leeds Metropolitan University*
“Resolving Disputes in Construction”
Speakers: Mr Justice Ramsey, Simon Hargreaves QC, Mr Justice Coulson,
Brian Eggleston & Chris Ennis
Chairman: Mr Justice Ramsey
Venue: Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Neville Street, Leeds LS1 4BX 8.15am
Organiser: jhawkswell@thkp.co.uk
- Wednesday,
17 March “Insolvency & Construction Disputes – What you Need to Know”
Speaker: James Bowling and Luke Wygas
Venue: The Rose Bowl, Botley Road, West End, Southampton SO30 3XH
Organiser: Kathryn.gore@bllaw.co.uk 6.00pm
- Tuesday,
23 March “It started out so well; letters of intent - convenient or chaotic”
Speaker: James Bowling
Chairman: Jocelyn Taylor
Venue: Hallmark Hotel, Midland Road, Derby DE1 2SG 6 for 6.15pm
Organiser: Jocelyn.Taylor@nelsonslaw.co.uk
- Thursday,
25 March “Adjudication Update”
Speaker: Sean Brannigan QC
Chairman: James Turner
Venue: Law Society Offices, Belfast 6 for 6.15pm
Organiser: james.turner@oreilystewart.com
- Tuesday,
13 April “Early Contractor Procurement”
Speaker: Dr David Mosey
Chairman: Tony Bingham
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6:30pm
- Thursday,
15 April “Environmental Considerations in Construction Projects”
Speaker: Stephen Shergold
Chairman: Doug Masson
Venue: Denton Wilde Sapte LLP, The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Boulevard,
Milton Keynes MK9 1FE 6 for 6.15pm
Organiser: michael@michael-gerard.co.uk
- Thursday,
29 April *Junior SCL Site Visit*
Venue: Heron Tower, 110 Bishopsgate, London EC2
Organiser: Julian.Bailey@cms-cmck.com
A Junior SCL site visit will take place at the Heron Tower which, when complete, will stand more than 200m tall. Skanska have very kindly agreed to host the visit. More details to follow.
- Tuesday,
11 May *Presentation of the winning Hudson Prize paper(s)*
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6:30pm
- Wednesday,
12 May *The Society's AGM and Annual Dinner*
Venue: Middle Temple Hall, London EC4 6.30pm

Thursday, 20 May “The New Construction Act”
Speaker: Doug Masson
Chairman: Michael Gerard
Venue: Denton Wilde Sapte, The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Boulevard
Milton Keynes, MK9 1FE 6 for 6:15pm
Organiser: michael@michael-gerard.co.uk

Spring/Summer/Autumn 2010 Further events are listed at www.scl.org.uk/events

Renewal of Membership – 10% reduction for early online payments made during January via the SCL website

A reminder that Membership subscriptions for 2010 are due for renewal on 1 January and we are delighted to report that, for the seventh consecutive year, the fee will remain at £100, there will be a reduction of £10 for online payments only made before the end of January. *Please note that payments made by cheque or directly to the SCL bank account must be paid at the full £100 rate because these payment methods involve costly administrative time.*

The Renewal of Membership invoices were posted to all full members during December (with the exception of those members who joined the Society after the end of September 2009). If you did not receive your invoice then please request a copy from admin@scl.org.uk

Overseas e-members do not receive invoices but have instead received an email reminder giving instructions on how to pay their subscriptions online. The fee for overseas e-membership remains at £15. Our thanks go to the many members who have already promptly renewed their subscriptions for 2010.

Retirement of Jackie Morris

After countless years supporting SCL, Jackie Morris will formally stand down in January 2010 from her role leading administrative support for SCL. Jackie's contribution has been very substantial: she has performed the role impeccably and unstintingly, coping with the varying demands of many Council members and has assisted members, other organisations and members of the public with all manner of enquiries. In her time, the number of UK regions in which talks are given has doubled, as have the number of members. It is a credit to Jackie that the Society's administrative base has remained small and efficient in the face of that growth

In the past few weeks, many have paid tribute to Jackie's contributions. To quote Past President Frances Paterson, echoing comments for former chairmen, Council members and members: she will be sorely missed. We will all miss her contribution and look forward to working with Jill Ward and Frances Whitehead as the Society continues to flourish.

Ronan Champion
SCL Chairman

Obituary His Honour Judge Edgar Fay QC

A copy of the obituary, as published in the The Times, is enclosed.

Papers

Gordon Bateman is chairman of the Institution of Chemical Engineers' committee which drafts the forms of contract, and following the talks he gave in London on 2nd June and Newcastle on 23rd November, his paper *International Process Plant Contracts: The IChemE forms* (paper number D107) was published in December. Gordon begins by explaining the differences between process plant contracts and building contracts, and goes on to look at the standard forms published by IChemE, both for domestic use and - published in November 2007 - international use.

The second paper (number D108), *Enforcing Contractual Rights in the Irish Legal System* was given by Anthony Hussey (senior partner of Hussey Fraser, solicitors in Dublin) in Cork on 19th October. Anthony begins by looking at the Commercial Court, successfully established in 2004, before going on to consider arbitration and its advantages over litigation. He then turns to ADR in the form of mediation and conciliation as practised in Ireland.

New Members

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

Faye Yeo, Singapore

Andrew Shaw, Bedfordshire

Fiona Sinclair, London

Lucy Johnstone, London

Cassandra Byrne, Ireland

Neil Smith, London

Rebecca Davey, London

James Marshall, Merseyside

Steven Goodwin, Kent

Mark Gordon, Oxfordshire

Gareth Wassell, Leeds

Trevor Dyke, Hampshire

Conor Mooney, Ireland