



NEWSLETTER : MARCH 2005

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, 1 st March	“Novation” Speaker: Christopher Cullen Chairman: Frances Paterson Venue: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1	6.15pm
Thursday, 10 th March	“EU Public procurement rules as they affect building contracts and PFI projects” Speaker: Paul Mountain, solicitor and head of construction Chairman: Deborah Ritchie Venue: Martineau Johnson, Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 The meeting has been organised by Arul Selvaratnam but if you wish to attend please let Deborah Ritchie know either by telephone on 0121 232 1184 or by email on deborahritchie@eversheds.com	6.00pm
Monday, 14 th March	“Unethical behaviour and criminal acts” (<i>see separate item below</i>) Speaker: Neill Stansbury Chairman: Professor John Uff QC CBE Venue: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London	6.15pm
Monday, 14 th March	“Acceleration claims on construction projects” Speaker: John Lyden Chairman: Eamonn McCarthy Venue: Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork	6.30pm
Tuesday, 15 th March	“Putting the Protocol into practice” Speaker: Keith Pickavance Chairman: Richard Wade Venue: Said Business School, Park End Street, Oxford OX1	6.00pm
Thursday, 17 th March	“Insurance matters in construction” Speaker: Bill Gloyn Chairman: Anthony Lavers Venue: Bristol University, The Hawthorns, Bristol BS8 Organiser: simongoss@scl.org.uk	6.00pm

Monday, 21 st March	<p>“Natural justice in Adjudication” Speaker: Sean Brannigan Chairman: Anthony Lavers Venue: Hambledon Suite 1, The Rose Bowl, Southampton SO30 Organiser: marianharris-deans@scl.org.uk</p>	6.00pm
Tuesday, 5 th April	<p>“Temporary Disconformity” Speakers: Anthony Lavers and Ellis Baker Chairman: Dr Robert Gaitskell QC Venue: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm
Wednesday, 20 th April	<p>Joint SCL/Scottish Building Contract Committee “Bringing Arbitration out of the cold” Speakers: Professor John Uff QC and Lord Dervaird Joint Chair: Mike Towers & Lindy Patterson Venue: Signet Library, Edinburgh This meeting is organised by lindypatterson@scl.org.uk but bookings must be made by sending name and address to the SBCCL Secretary, Jasmine Sneddon MCI Arb Email: jsneddon@rics.org telephone: 0131 240 0832</p>	6.15pm
Tuesday, 3 rd May	<p>Speaker and talk title to be announced Chairman: Anthony Lavers Venue: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm
Tuesday, 10 th May	<p>“How to succeed in Adjudication: An Adjudicator’s View” Speaker: Eric Mouzer Chairman: tba Venue: Brunswick Lecture Theatre, Leeds Metropolitan University Organiser: jonathanhawkswell@scl.org.uk</p>	6.15pm
Tuesday, 17 th May	<p>“Construction Insurances” Speaker: Bill Gloyn Chairman: Jocelyn Taylor Venue: Newton Building, Nottingham Trent University Organiser: jocelyntaylor@scl.org.uk</p>	6.00pm
Tuesday, 7 th June	<p>Speaker: Michael Blacker (talk title tba) Chairman: tba Venue: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm
Tuesday, 5 th July	<p>Joint SCA/SCL meeting (speaker & chairman tba) Venue: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm

Ethics Group - meeting in London Monday 14th March

An open meeting will be held on Monday 14th March at the National Liberal Club in London, at 6.15pm, when Neill Stansbury will talk on 'Unethical behaviour and criminal acts'. He will explain how unethical behaviour on construction contracts may well constitute criminal behaviour, and present the Transparency International's Anti-Corruption Code for individuals in the construction and engineering industry. The Anti-Corruption Code is being published by the Society as a discussion paper, and will be made available at the meeting. The meeting will be chaired by Professor John Uff QC CBE.

As usual, all members and their guests are very welcome but this is an open meeting so please encourage your non-member colleagues and clients that they also are welcome to attend.

Would you like to stand for Council?

Now is the time of the year to think about standing for Council. More information on the number of vacancies on Council will be given in the next newsletter. 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 current Chairman is an Academic/Barrister, the previous Chairman is an Engineer and the one before that a Architect. The one thing they 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 6 Council meetings per year and join one or more subcommittees in areas such as the Hudson prize, the talks programme, social events programme, TCC, CIC, policy matters, ethics and IT. Once elected to Council then the normal period of office is either 2 years or 3 years depending on the number of retiring members amongst other factors.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Council before deciding whether or not to stand, please contact the Chairman Anthony Lavers on 020 7397 3809 or anthonylavers@scl.org.uk 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 a paid up members of the Society.
- 3 You must provide the following information:
 - (a) Your name
 - (b) Your work/practice address
 - (c) Your professional qualifications, if any
 - (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.

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, 11th May. More details on election arrangements will follow in the next newsletter.

Membership and SCL logo clarification following recent queries

All members are reminded that:

- 1 Membership of the Society does not carry a qualification as such, however SCL Membership may be mentioned on a CV.
- 2 Members who have a web site can create a link to the SCL web site but the Society will only link to non-commercial organisations from its own web site (www.scl.org.uk).
- 3 Membership of the Society does not allow members to use the SCL logo as part of their individual or corporate promotional material.
- 4 The SCL logo can be used for promotional material involving events (such as conferences) in which SCL is a key partner. However permission to use the logo must always be requested first.

Renewal of Membership 2005

We still await receipt of some subscription payments. If you did not receive the invoice sent to you in December, or have mislaid it, please email admin@scl.org.uk and ask for a replacement copy.

If you do not intend to renew your membership this year, please let Admin know so that your name can be taken off the membership list.

SCL Website

If you have not yet done so, take a look at the new website which has been completely redesigned to make it easier to use. Members can now log in from the homepage, and stay logged in throughout the site until they log out. When you log in you will see a new navigation link to 'Members' which is where you can update your contact details, email subscriptions and data protection info - as well as search for information about other SCL members who have agreed for their data to be accessible to other members on the website (currently over 500 members). In due course, some new facilities will be added for members.

If you have any questions, problems or suggestions, please contact our webmaster, Edward Peters, at webmaster@scl.org.uk

Contributions invited from Members

What construction law related topic would you like to see presented as a talk? Please email your suggestions to Jackie Morris on admin@scl.org.uk and we will do our best to organise a talk in your area.

You are also invited to contribute to the newsletter. If you have an item related to construction law that you feel would be of interest to others, then please email text to Jackie Morris at admin@scl.org.uk. A member of Council will thereafter decide whether to include the item in the next newsletter. Please note that we do not accept advertisements or items of a commercial nature.

New Members

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

Philip Adams, Surrey	Karl Banks, Leeds	Catherine Barstow, London
Graeme Bradley, Birmingham	Hippolyte Chigbu, Poland	Nisha Darbari, London
Trevor Dyke, Hampshire	Colin Featherstone, Brighton	Margot Forsythe, Bristol
Christopher Hackett, West Midlands	Zane Hedge, London	Charles Howard, Surrey
Hossein Jahanshahi, London	Pablo Laorden, Spain	John Littler, Lancashire
Assad Maqbool, London	Stuart Ness, The Netherlands	Marc Wilkins, Surrey
Paresh Pindolia, Middlesex	Deborah Primett, London	Anna Roberts, London
Sarah Schutte, London	Richard Shadbolt, Surrey	Kevin Taylaur, London
John Taylor, Australia	Natalie Wardle, London	Shona Watson, Edinburgh
Ejikeme Okoro, West Midlands	David Wilson, Glasgow	Indrayogan Yogarajah, Singapore