



## NEWSLETTER : OCTOBER 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,  
4<sup>th</sup> October      “A little about time at large. Calculating a reasonable time to complete in the absence of a completion date”  
Speakers:      Keith Pickavance & Wendy MacLaughlin  
Venue:          National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1      6.15pm
- Tuesday,  
4<sup>th</sup> October      “Health & Safety in Construction”  
Speaker:        Steffan Croch  
Chairman:      Peter Fenn  
Venue:          Pariser Building, Floor G, University of Manchester      6.30pm  
Organiser:     [peterfenn@scl.org.uk](mailto:peterfenn@scl.org.uk)
- Friday,  
7<sup>th</sup> October      Joint SCL/RICS/CIARB “Construction Conference”  
Speakers:      The Honourable Mr Justice Jackson, John Riches,  
Nerys Jefford and Sean Brannigan  
Chairman:      The Honourable Mr Justice Jackson  
Venue:          Pride Park, Derby DE24      12.00 noon  
Cost:            £55 per person (to include lunch and afternoon tea)  
See RICS booking form on the website [www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk).
- Tuesday,  
18<sup>th</sup> October     Joint SCL/King's College meeting  
“The Great Delay Analysis Debate”  
Chairman:      Dr Julian Critchlow  
The Protagonists:  
Steve Briggs      Arguing “As Planned vs As Built” for the contractor  
Alistair Farr      Arguing “As Planned Impacted” for the employer  
John Hammond    Arguing “As Planned But For” for the engineer  
Keith Pickavance    Arguing “Time Impacted” for the adjudicator  
Venue:          The Great Hall, King's College, London      6.00pm  
Cost:            £20 per person (to include drinks reception at 7.40pm)  
Please book using the booking form on the website at [www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk)  
Enquiries: Marie Buckley 020 7421 1986 or [mbuckley@fenwickelliott.co.uk](mailto:mbuckley@fenwickelliott.co.uk)
- Thursday,  
20<sup>th</sup> October     “NEC 3”  
Speaker:        Brian Eggleston  
Chairman:      Professor Anthony Lavers  
Venue:          Shakespeares, Somerset House, Temple St, Birmingham B2      6.15pm  
The meeting organiser is Arul Selvaratnam. If you are likely to attend, please email Deborah Ritchie on [deborah.ritchie@shakespeares.co.uk](mailto:deborah.ritchie@shakespeares.co.uk)

Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	“Insuring the integrated team” Speaker: Steve Bamforth Venue: The Rose Bowl, Southampton SO30 Organiser: <a href="mailto:marianharris-deans@scl.org.uk">marianharris-deans@scl.org.uk</a>	6.00pm
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Joint SCL/TECBAR meeting Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 Chairman & speaker to be announced	6.15pm
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	“Pre-action protocol for arbitration and adjudication” Speaker: John Tackaberry QC Venue: Peter Jost Lecture Theatre, Byrom Street, Liverpool John Moores University Organiser: Peter Fenn – but please email your intention to attend to Peter Kerrigan: <a href="mailto:consult@kerrigan.u-net.com">consult@kerrigan.u-net.com</a>	6.30pm
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	“Novation after Blyth & Blyth” Speaker: Scott McKinnell Venue: Brunswick Lecture Theatre, Leeds Metropolitan University Organiser: <a href="mailto:jonathanhawkswell@scl.org.uk">jonathanhawkswell@scl.org.uk</a>	6.15pm
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	“Partnering – was marriage so bad after all?” Speaker: Alan Jenkins Venue: Said Business School, Oxford Organiser: <a href="mailto:richardwade@scl.org.uk">richardwade@scl.org.uk</a>	6.00pm
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	“NEC3” Speaker: Brian Eggleston Chairman: Gordon Pomphrey Venue: George Moore Building, Board Room M401, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 Organiser: <a href="mailto:lindypatterson@scl.org.uk">lindypatterson@scl.org.uk</a>	6.00pm
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Joint SCL/TECBAR meeting “Liability of local authorities” Speaker: Lord Justice Dyson Chairman: Lord Justice May Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1	6.15pm

## SCL Hudson Prize 2005

A reminder that entries are now invited for this year’s SCL Hudson Prize and that the closing date for receipt of entries is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. Entries are invited from members and non-members, so if you have any non-member colleagues who you think might be interested, please let them know. The entry details can be downloaded from the website, or request a copy from admin. The winner of the first prize will receive a cheque for £1,500 and a case of champagne, and the winner of the second prize will receive a cheque for £750 and a case of wine!

## **SCL Junior Members**

If you are under 40 or new to the world of construction law, then you can register as a junior member. The junior committee arranges site visits, conferences with King's College London and social events such as the summer Boat Trip on the Thames.

To register as a Junior Member, log in to the SCL website ([www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk)) in the usual way, choose the 'Members' link at the top, and then the 'Junior members' link on the left. You will find an explanation of Junior Membership, and a simple form to register. You do not need to enter your name/details, as these are already recognised by the website after you logged in; you only need to confirm your eligibility by giving either your date of birth, or stating that you are junior in your area of expertise.

Nicholas Gould, SCL's Vice chairman, is responsible for the Junior members and he can be emailed on [nicholasgould@scl.org.uk](mailto:nicholasgould@scl.org.uk)

## **UK businesses and associations unite to tackle corruption**

UK businesses and associations with interests in the domestic and international infrastructure, construction and engineering sectors have agreed a comprehensive *Anti-Corruption Action Statement* as part of a programme to promote industry-led actions which can help eliminate corruption.

The *Action Statement* has been developed and endorsed by the Anti-Corruption Forum, which comprises the Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE), British Consultants and Construction Bureau (BCCB), Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE), Transparency International (UK) (TI(UK)), and representatives of the business community.

The *Action Statement* calls on all those with interests in the infrastructure, construction and engineering sectors to take effective and co-ordinated action to reduce corruption, on both a domestic and international basis, and on both the supply and demand sides. It identifies the various categories of participant in the sectors, including governments, project owners, banks, export credit agencies, companies providing the equipment and services for a project, business associations and professional institutions. It recommends preventive and enforcement actions which could be taken by those participants.

A copy of the *Anti-Corruption Action Statement* is available on the Ethics page of SCL's website.

## **Forensic Engineering Conference, ICE, November 2005**

The ICE is organising a Third International Conference on Forensic Engineering in November 2005. Further information is available at: [www.forensicengineering2005.com](http://www.forensicengineering2005.com)

## **Questionnaire for members**

SCL is very keen to find out from its membership if they have any comments/suggestions on how the SCL can improve and enhance the service presently provided to SCL members in the constituent regions. A questionnaire has been emailed to all members in UK whose registered region is outside London. This questionnaire can also be completed on the website by logging in and going to [http://www.scl.org.uk/members/regional\\_questionnaire.php](http://www.scl.org.uk/members/regional_questionnaire.php). It would be appreciated if members could answer the questionnaire by the deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## **New Website Search Engine**

A useful search facility has been added to the SCL website. In the right column of the homepage you will see 'Quick Search'. Enter your word(s) and choose which of three sections to search - 'About Us', SCL newsletters, or summaries of papers. We hope that this facility will make it easier for members to find what they are looking for on the site.

The website is constantly being improved. If you have any questions, problems or suggestions, please contact our webmaster, Edward Peters, at [webmaster@scl.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@scl.org.uk)

## **How to register on the website as a member**

A reminder to those of you who have not yet done so that in order to get members' access to the website you must register online as a member. Registration is easy and you only need to do it once.

Go to the website homepage [www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk) click Member Registration (listed below the Member Login box on the right hand side of the homepage) and enter your details and a username and password of your own choosing. Your membership number is also asked for (if you don't know it, then admin can tell you).

Thereafter, you can simply log onto the website using your username and password. When you log in you will see a navigation link to 'Members' which is where you can update your contact details, email subscriptions and data protection information – 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).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 September:

David Balkwell, Gibraltar  
Martin Harper, Dubai  
Christopher Jones, Shanghai, China  
Shamila Neelakandan, Bristol

Mark Finn, Dubai  
Chris Henshaw, Newcastle Upon Tyne  
Andrew May, London  
Julian Smith, Abu Dhabi