



## NEWSLETTER : JANUARY 2007

### 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,  
23 January      “A guide to piling and the problems that may occur”  
Speaker:      Martyn Stroud  
Chairman:      Martin Green  
Venue:      Room 118, Northern Terrace, Queens Square Court, Leeds LS1 6.15pm  
Organiser:      [jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk)
- Thursday,  
25 January      *Joint Society of Construction Law/Adjudication Society Seminar*  
“Mediation v Adjudication v Arbitration v Litigation”  
Speakers:      The panel members will each be advocating a form of dispute resolution.  
                    Stephen Clarke: Client  
                    Steve Homer: Arbitration  
                    Peter O'Brien: Mediation  
                    Mark Wheeler: Adjudication  
                    Richard Flowerdew: Litigation  
Chairman:      Jonathan Brooks  
Venue:      TLT Solicitors, One Redcliff Street, Bristol BS1  
                    5:30 - 5:45 Coffee and Registration  
                    5:45 - 6:45 The debate  
                    6:45 - 7:00 Questions and Answers  
                    7:00 - 7:30 Wine and canapés  
Organiser:      [simon.goss@scl.org.uk](mailto:simon.goss@scl.org.uk)
- Tuesday,  
30 January      “Adjudication”  
Speakers:      Paul Darling QC and Nicholas Gould  
Chairman:      Jocelyn Taylor  
Venue:      Best Western Midland Hotel, Midland Road, Derby DE1  
Organiser:      [jocelyn.taylor@scl.org.uk](mailto:jocelyn.taylor@scl.org.uk)      6.15pm
- Monday,  
5 February      *Please note change of date for this meeting*  
Speaker and chairman to be announced  
Venue:      National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1      6.15pm
- Friday,  
16 February      The Society's Annual Lunch at the Brewery (*see separate item below*)  
Speaker:      Alan Chambers MBE  
Venue:      The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1Y      12.30pm

Thursday, 22 February	<p>“Concurrent delays: where do we stand?”  Speaker: Colin Reese QC  Chairman: Simon Lewis  Venue: Dickinson Dees, St Ann's Wharf, 112, Quayside,  Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1  Organiser: <a href="mailto:simon.lewis@scl.org.uk">simon.lewis@scl.org.uk</a></p>	6.00pm
Thursday, 1 March	<p>“Delay in Major Construction Projects”  Speaker: Hamish Lal  Chairman and venue (in Edinburgh) to be announced  Organiser: <a href="mailto:lindy.patterson@scl.org.uk">lindy.patterson@scl.org.uk</a></p>	6.00pm
Tuesday, 6 March	<p>“The case of John Doyle v Laing Management - is it good English law? Is it good English practice?”  Speaker: Jeremy Winter  Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm
Thursday, 8 March	<p>Speaker: Keith Pickavance  Chairman: Nicholas Gould  Title of talk and venue (in Northamptonshire) to be announced  Organisers: <a href="mailto:judith.bird@scl.org.uk">judith.bird@scl.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:michael.gerard@scl.org.uk">michael.gerard@scl.org.uk</a></p>	6.00pm
Friday, 9 March	<p>“Society of Construction Law Annual Conference”  Speakers: The Hon Mr Justice Jackson, Nerys Jefford, Brian Eggleston,  Chris Ennis &amp; Professor Anthony Lavers  Chairman: The Hon Mr Justice Jackson  Venue: The Royal Armouries, Leeds  Organiser: <a href="mailto:jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk">jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk</a></p>	8.30am – 1pm
Tuesday, 20 March	<p>“Mediation”  Speaker: Robert Sliwinski  Venue: DLA Piper UK LLP, 1 St Pauls Place, Sheffield S1  Organiser: <a href="mailto:jocelyn.taylor@scl.org.uk">jocelyn.taylor@scl.org.uk</a></p>	6.15pm
Thursday, 22 March	<p><i>Joint SCL/CIOB Meeting</i>  Speaker: Peter Fraser (title of talk tba)  Venue: Hambledon Suite 1, The Rose Bowl, Southampton SO30  Organiser: <a href="mailto:marian.harris-deans@scl.org.uk">marian.harris-deans@scl.org.uk</a></p>	6.00pm
Tuesday, 3 April	<p>“Turnkey Contracting: what do Owners want and what do they get?  (A comparison of treatments under the FIDIC Silver Book and the new ICC Turnkey Conditions of Contract)”  Speaker: Jonathan Hosie  Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm
Tuesday, 1 May	<p>Presentation of the winning 2006 Hudson Prize Paper  Chairman: Professor Anthony Lavers  Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1</p>	6.15pm
Tuesday, 15 May	<p>“Time at large: calculating a reasonable time to complete in the absence of a completion date”  Speaker: Keith Pickavance  Chairman: Andrew Maccuish  Venue: Lecture Theatre, Civic Quarter, Leeds LS1  Organiser: <a href="mailto:jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk">jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk</a></p>	6.15pm

## Lunch at the Brewery

The speaker at the Brewery lunch this year will be Alan Chambers MBE who, amongst other achievements, was the leader of the first successful British team to walk unsupported from Canada to the Geographic North Pole. More information about him can be found at [www.normanphillips.co.uk/alan\\_chambers\\_bio.htm](http://www.normanphillips.co.uk/alan_chambers_bio.htm)

Bookings for the lunch have been brisk and we anticipate another 'sold out' event this year. If you intended to book but have not yet done so, there are still some places available. Members can book online at the website, or download the booking form and pay by cheque. For enquiries please contact Frances Whitehead on 01708 731 476 or email [franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk](mailto:franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk)

## Subscriptions

Renewal of Membership invoices for 2007 were sent to all full members in December (overseas e-members received an emailed invitation to renew) and we are grateful to the many members who have already paid their subscriptions. **If you have not received your invoice, or it has been mislaid, please email [admin@scl.org.uk](mailto:admin@scl.org.uk) and ask for a replacement copy.**

## Pay Subscriptions on-line

For the fourth year running, the full membership subscription has been held at £100, or £95 if payment is received before 31 January. Please note that subscriptions can be paid on-line and that a receipt form is generated for each transaction. Just go to [www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk) and proceed to the on-line shop. Payment by Debit Card particularly is of value to SCL in helping to reduce our administrative costs and maintain the low subscription rate.

Ronan Champion  
SCL Treasurer

## The timetable for subscriptions payments

As previously reported, the Society continues to grow and so there is an increased need to keep administrative costs to a minimum. Council has therefore decided to introduce a strict timetable for reminding those members who forget to pay their subscriptions. The Constitution of the Society states that all subscription fees should be paid by the end of March and so the 2007 timetable for reminding members is as follows:

1. Mid December: Invoices are posted to full members (and emails sent to overseas e-members).
2. Early January: An email will be sent to all unrenewed members reminding of 31 January discount.
3. Late January: A second email reminder to unrenewed members of 31 January discount.  
*Payments we receive from 1 February onwards must be paid at the full rate of £100.*
4. Mid February: Email to all unrenewed members reminding of the need to pay by 31 March.
5. Mid March: A second email reminder to all unrenewed members of the need to pay by 31 March.
6. 24 March: Final notification that membership will cease if payment is not received by 31 March.
7. 1 April: All unpaid members will be lapsed. If lapsed members subsequently wish to re-join the Society, they will be treated as new members.

**Please note:** It is extremely important that the contact details we have for you on the database are up to date so that the reminders go to the correct email address. You can update your own contact details at any time, or email and ask admin to do it for you.

## Papers

Enclosed with this newsletter is a published copy of the SCL paper entitled *Protection of Subcontractors under French law: an overview* by Carole Malinvaud. Overseas e-members will receive a copy of this by email, and it is also available on the website.

## 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 annual summer Boat Trip on the Thames. *A site visit is planned early in 2007 – full details will be circulated in due course.*

To register as a Junior Member, log in to the SCL website ([www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk)) using your username and password. Click on 'Members' 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 Chairman, is responsible for the Junior members and he can be emailed on [nicholas.gould@scl.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.gould@scl.org.uk)

## How to register on the website as a member

In order to get members' access to the website you must register online as a member. To register, go to the website homepage [www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk) click Member Registration 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). That's all there is to it.

Thereafter, you simply log onto the website using your username and password to get free access to the list of published papers, access your own contact details, or search for the contact details of other SCL members who have agreed for their data to be accessible to other members on the website – the total of those who have given permission is now nearly 1,000 members.

## New Members

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

Steve Abraham, London  
Thomas Barrett, Camberley  
Costas Constantinou, Nicosia/Cyprus  
Mark Dixon, London  
Jerome Dunne, London  
Amanda Greenwood, London  
Kevin Holmes, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Denis Jenkinson, Bahrain  
Simon Liddiard, London  
Amanda McGurran, Surrey  
Jenny Pattison, London  
Robert Stonebridge, Abuja, Nigeria  
David Tyerman, Billingham, Teesside  
Yaser Wahib, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Karsan Vekaria, London

Simon Banwell, Normanton  
Anne Connolly, Glasgow  
Nicola Davies, London  
Simon Dunbar, Singapore  
Mary Greenhow, London  
Christopher Hill, London  
John D Hughes, Castleblayney, Ireland  
James Jordan, London  
Angus Macdonald, Doha, Qatar  
Paul Morgan, London  
Ian Pegram, Kent  
Alan Taylor, Milford Haven  
Bryn Wiseman, Halesowen, West Midlands  
Wharton William, Brummana, Lebanon