



NEWSLETTER : MAY 2007

**The Society's Annual Dinner
Middle Temple Hall
Wednesday, 16 May 2007**

**Members – if you have not already booked
your place at the Annual Dinner,
there is still time to do so!**

*Book online, or see the booking form
attached to this newsletter*

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 May	SCL Hudson Prize 2006: Presentation by the authors of their first and second prize winning papers 1 st "What Lies Beneath" by Julian Bailey 2 nd "Variations, Time Limits and Unanticipated Consequences" by Ronan Champion Chairman: Professor Anthony Lavers Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1	6.30pm
Tuesday, 15 May	"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 118, Civic Quarter, Leeds LS1 Organiser: jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk	6.15pm

Wednesday, 16 May	AGM & Annual Dinner Venue: Middle Temple Hall, London EC4 <i>See flyer and booking form attached to this newsletter</i>	6.30pm
Thursday, 24 May	"Getting Results": An adjudicator's perspective on dispute resolution options and tactics for success. Speaker: Len Bunton Chairman: Simon Lewis Venue: Dickinson Dees LLP, 112 Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne Organiser: simonlewis@scl.org.uk	6.00pm
Tuesday, 5 June	<i>Joint SCL/Society of Construction Arbitrators Meeting</i> "The Rise and Rise of 'Time-Bar' Clauses: the 'Real Issue' for Construction Arbitrators" Speaker: Hamish Lal Chairman: Dr Derek Ross Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1	6.30pm
Wednesday, 6 June	<i>Joint SCL/King's College event</i> "The Great Partnering Debate" Venue: The Great Hall, King's College, London Cost £25 per person (to include drinks reception) <i>See flyer and booking form attached to this newsletter</i>	6.00pm
Thursday, 7 June	"Global Claims" Speaker: Jeremy Winter Chairman: Ian Yule Venue: Wragge & Co, 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 Organiser arul.selvaratnam@scl.org.uk	6.00pm
Thursday, 7 June	"Deciding disputes in adjudication MY WAY". Speaker: Tony Bingham Chairman: John Burgess Venue: Jury's Inn Hotel, Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK9 Organiser: judith.bird@scl.org.uk or michael.gerard@scl.org.uk	6.15pm
Tuesday, 19 June	"Adjudicators" Speaker: Tony Bingham Chairman: Jocelyn Taylor Venue: Nottingham Gateway Hotel, Cinderhill, Notts NG8 Organiser: jocelyn.taylor@scl.org.uk	6.15pm
Monday, 2 July	"Duties of Care: When and How Much?" Speaker: Nerys Jefford Chairman: Professor Anthony Lavers Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1	6.15pm
Thursday, 12 July	Junior SCL Boat Trip on the Thames Tickets cost just £25 each See separate item below and booking form attached to this newsletter	6.15pm

The AGM and Annual Dinner

The AGM will take place at Middle Temple Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 16th May. There will be no Council election this year. As usual, members were invited to put their names forward if they wished to stand for election to Council but no names were received. The four members of Council up for re-election (Lindy Patterson, Jocelyn Taylor, Anthony Lavers and Keith Kirkwood) will therefore be returned unopposed. Two other members of Council will be co-opted; one to replace Jonathan Hosie who retires from Council this year, and one to replace Councillor Peter Horne who, sadly, died last month.

After the AGM, pre-dinner drinks will be served – in the gardens, if fine – followed by dinner itself 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 (this includes pre-dinner drinks and wine) and there is still time to book your place if you have not already done so. A flyer giving details of how to book is attached to this newsletter.

Opportunities for Sponsorship - SCL International Conference 2008

The Society of Construction Law is delighted to be hosting the 2008 International Construction Law Conference in London. The conference will be held between 5th and 7th October 2008 with a welcoming event on the Sunday evening, a gala dinner on the Monday evening and the President's reception on the Tuesday evening so please make a note in your diaries.

This event will attract many high profile speakers and SCL members and delegates from around the world. In order to ensure its success the SCL will be making available a limited number of elite sponsorship packages. If any of you would be interested in discussing sponsorship packages for this prestigious event please contact Francis Whitehead at franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

Junior Boat Trip on the Thames: Thursday, 12 July 2007

The Junior Committee of the Society of Construction Law in association with MatRICS and King's College Construction Law Association present the third joint Junior organisations' boat trip on the River Thames. A champagne reception will be followed by drinks and a finger buffet as the 'Golden Jubilee' travels from Temple Pier down river towards Docklands. Tickets cost £25 each. A booking form is attached to this newsletter and is available on the website. If you need any further information please contact Frances Whitehead on 01708 731 476 or email franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

Booking preference for any of the organised Junior events is always given to those who are registered as Junior Members. If you are under 40 or new to the world of construction law, then you can register as a junior member, which is easy to do, as follows:

Log onto the SCL website www.scl.org.uk using your username and password (if you have forgotten what they are, Admin can help). Click on 'Members' and then click 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 – 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.

Papers

Enclosed with this newsletter are copies of the first and second prize winning SCL Hudson entries. "What Lies Beneath" by Julian Bailey and "Variations, Time Limits and Unanticipated Consequences" by Ronan Champion. Overseas e-members will receive these papers by email and they are also available on the SCL website.

Director, Centre of Construction Law, King's College London

The Centre of Construction Law within the Law School at King's College London is seeking a new Director from the start of January 2008. Philip Britton, Director since 1999, is standing down at the end of December 2007. The post is presently part-time (up to four days a week equivalent), allowing other professional activity.

The Director has overall administrative and financial responsibility for the well-established and self-funded Centre, staffed by a small and committed group of colleagues with strong links to practice. The Director also teaches on the London and Singapore MSc programmes. A new MSc in the Gulf is now being planned with the British University in Dubai (BUiD). The Director's post enjoys unusual scope for leadership and innovation.

The process of filling this high-profile post is now under way, with a plan to select the new Director by September 2007. Anyone who would like to explore suitability – for themselves or for a suggested candidate – is welcome to contact Philip on 020-7848 1661 or philip.britton@kcl.ac.uk; or Professor Phillip Capper on 07802-309010 or phillip.capper@lovells.com. Formal advertisements, job descriptions etc will follow shortly, to be posted on the King's website: www.kcl.ac.uk

New Members

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

Lynley Barker, London	Michael Blackburne, London
Martin Bomoi-Obita, London	Giuseppe Broccoli, Milan
Ross Campbell, Edinburgh	George Burfitt, Skipton, Yorkshire
Gaynor Chambers, London	Erik Christiaen, London
Olukemi Davies, London	Michael Christie, Sydney, Australia
Terence Dunning, London	Peter Maslin Elliott, Bucharest, Romania
Emyr Evans, London	Dominic Evans, Barry
Susan Evans, London	Christopher Gibbs, Droitwich
Nirada Griffith, London	Geoff Hannah, Glasgow
Moira Hindson, London	David Keane, Co Mayo
Pat Kelly, Dublin	Weng Hing Kwan, Petaling Jaya, Afghanistan
Krista Lee, London	Nigel Legge, London
Jane Lemon, London	Charles McDermott, Liverpool
Steve Nichol, London	Patrick McOscar, Cookstown, Tyrone
Dominique Noon, Paris	Peter Riley, Higham, Kent
Martin Stacey, London	Christelle Soto-Suarez, Aylesford, Kent
John Stocker, London	Sivabalan Subramaniam, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
David Thomas, London	Andrew Weston, London
Ruth Wilkinson, London	Adrian Williamson, London
Anthony Yates, London	