

- Wednesday,
14 May *The Society's AGM & Annual Dinner*
Venue: Middle Temple Hall, Middle Temple Lane, London EC4Y 6.30pm
*This event is for SCL members only and any guests must also be SCL members.
Ticket price £80. See separate item below and booking form attached*
- Tuesday,
3 June *Winner of the SCL Hudson Prize 2007*
["Public Law and Statutory Adjudication"](#)
Speaker: Julian Bailey
Chairman: Professor Anthony Lavers
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm
Please note that this replaces the talk previously published on this date.
- Monday,
9 June *"Panel event - discussing issues arising from architects' professional
responsibilities during a building project."*
Chairman: Alan Jenkins
Venue: The Rose Bowl, Southampton SO30
Organiser: marian.harris-deans@bllaw.co.uk
- Tuesday,
10 June *"Variations, time limits and unanticipated consequences"*
Speaker: Ronan Champion
Chairman: Jocelyn Taylor
Venue: DLA Piper UK LLP, 1 St Pauls Place, Sheffield S1 2JX 6.00 for
Organiser: Jocelyn.Taylor@nelsonslaw.co.uk 6.15pm
- Tuesday,
1 July *Joint SCL/Society of Construction Arbitrators Meeting*
*"Is it all necessary? Who benefits? Provision for multi-tier dispute resolution
in international construction contracts"*
Speaker: Ellis Baker
Chairman: Nerys Jefford QC
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm
- Thursday
3 July *"Proof of delay claims: London Underground v Citylink"*
Speaker: Nerys Jefford QC
Venue: Jury's Inn Hotel, Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire MK9 6.15pm
Organisers: Judith.Bird@kimbells.com and michael@michael-gerard.co.uk
- Thursday,
3 July *Junior SCL Boat Trip*
The fourth annual junior boat trip will take place on 3 July 2008. This year
for the first time the event will be held in conjunction with Generation 4
Collaboration the junior part of Constructing Excellence. The Boat Trip
will follow the King's College Annual conference. Further details to be
provided shortly.
Organiser: rbailey@fenwickelliott.co.uk

London Speaker Programme

Feedback and suggestions for speakers and topics continue to be gratefully received by the organising committee: njefford@keatingchambers.com ngould@fenwickelliott.co.uk and PMcKinley@trowers.com

The AGM and Annual Dinner

The AGM will take place at Middle Temple Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 14th May. See separate item below on the Council Election.

After the AGM, a string quartet will play during pre-dinner drinks (to be served in the gardens, if fine) followed by dinner in the magnificent 16th century Middle Temple Hall. The London Welsh Brass Ensemble will give a short lively performance at dinner and will stay to play classical and jazz during post-dinner drinks.

The annual dinner is the one annual function 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 (to include pre-dinner drinks and wine). A flyer giving details of how to book is attached to this newsletter.

Council Election on 14 May 2008

Would you like to stand for Council ?

Council's work embraces a whole range of activities necessary for running the Society including: organising the London programme, regional meetings, the ongoing ethics review, TCC, CIC, the social calendar, papers and publications, the advocacy programme, university grants, young SCL, liaison with SCL overseas and other organisations, the SCL Hudson prize, policy matters and IT. We share these responsibilities between us in sub-committees. Typically, Council members attend Council meetings approximately every six weeks during the year and join one or more sub-committees. The continued success of SCL activities relies heavily on the hard work and enthusiasm of Council members in running these sub-committees. We always welcome fresh blood and fresh thinking from those keen to take on these activities.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Council before deciding whether or not to stand, please contact the Chairman Nerys Jefford on 020 7544 2600 or njefford@keatingchambers.com or contact any other officers of the Society, who will be happy to give you further information.

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 paid up members of the Society.
- 3 You must provide the following information:
 - (a) Your name
 - (b) Your work/practice address
 - (c) Your profession
 - (d) The names of your proposer and seconder
 - (e) The year you joined the Society (admin can supply this information if you can't remember)
- 4 You must also provide an election statement, not exceeding 100 words.

The deadline for receiving names and election statements is **Tuesday, 15th April**. Send by email please to Jackie Morris at admin@scl.org.uk

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, 14 May 2008.

The Society Of Construction Law International Conference

Preparations for the Society of Construction Law International Conference 2008 are now well in hand. The flyer and web site www.sclinternational.org were launched at the Brewery Lunch in February and by now all members should have had time to review these. The full programme for the event will be launched at the AGM on 14th May 2008 although a draft programme is available on the web site.

The Conference is being held at the Grange City Hotel near Tower Bridge between the 5th and 7th October 2008.

A distinguished line up of speakers from around the world has been assembled to lead discussions and speak on a range of current topics. The conference days will be opened by Lord Justice Anthony May and Mr Justice Vivian Ramsey. Other distinguished judges involved in the conference proceedings include Sir Philip Otton, Mr Justice Robert Akenhead and His Honour Humphrey Lloyd.

Places are already being booked for the Conference, the Tower Bridge Cocktail Reception on the 5th and for the Gala Dinner on the 6th, so please book early for all these events to avoid disappointment.

Please note: The Gala Dinner to be held at The Brewery on 6th October and the President's Reception to be held at Ironmongers' Hall on 7th October are open to all members and guests, whether attending the Conference or not.

Bookings can be taken online at the above web site or by completing the registration form attached to this newsletter and returning with a cheque made payable to "Society of Construction Law (UK)" to Frances Whitehead at 114 Pettits Lane, Romford, Essex, RM1 4EJ.

Queries regarding registration may be addressed to Frances Whitehead on +44 (0) 1708 731476 or email franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

There remains opportunities for businesses to sponsor the event. If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Keith Kirkwood by email at alchemybs@aol.com

Papers

Soon to go on the website, is an unusual paper by **Sr Noushad Ali Naseem Ameer Ali, "Modern Plain English Drafting and Construction: The Malaysian Subcontract Model Terms"**. The author asks what might the plain language movement have to teach the drafters of standard form contracts and of statutes concerned with construction? He discusses the benefits of plain English drafting and the negative effects of traditional approaches to the development of legal documents for use in construction, with many examples (both bad and good) from common law jurisdictions, including the Malaysian CICC Model Terms for construction subcontracts.

Secondly, soon to be printed and go on the website, is a paper by **Professor Anthony Lavers "Ethics in Construction Law - A Review of the Position in Eight European Countries"**. A questionnaire was sent to members of the European Society of Construction Law, as part of SCL's on-going work on ethics. The paper therefore compares the law in Austria, England + Wales, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland on a number of issues: retentions, tender evaluation, consultant switches from employer to contractor, fairness in contract administration, a contractor's duty to warn of design defects and termination or variation of the contract at will.

ESCL Conference 2008: Advance notice

It has been announced that the 2008 European Society of Construction Law Conference will be held in Athens on 25th, 26th and 27th September.

The focus of the conference will be “Construction Law and Environmental Protection” sub-divided into the following four sections:

- Environmental Infrastructure Projects (eg, *water treatment plants*) – drafting of contracts and financing issues
- Environmental licensing of (infrastructure) projects
- Urban Planning and building provisions and the protection of the environment
- Environmental aspects in the award of public contracts

Further details on the conference programme and venue will be announced to members in due course.

Junior SCL

A site visit will take place at Canary Wharf’s BP2 and BP3 Towers on Thursday, 24th April (see details in the programme of event above). Bookings to franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

The fourth annual junior boat trip will take place on 3 July 2008. This year for the first time the event will be held in conjunction with Generation 4 Collaboration the junior part of Constructing Excellence. The Boat Trip will follow the King’s College Annual conference. Further details to be provided shortly.

Advocacy Course

The Society is pleased to announce that it will be holding another Advocacy Training Course again this autumn. It will be run at a location in central London over five evening sessions during November/December. The course is open only to SCL members who are solicitors and will entitle each advocate to claim 12.5 CPD hours. For further details, contact vicky.lee@dundas-wilson.com

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. Registration is easy.

Go to the website homepage 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 – and where you can choose to have the newsletter emailed to you instead of (or as well as) receiving it by post. This is where you can also search for information about 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.

University of Manchester

The Development and Alumni Relations Office at the University of Manchester is trying to find as many 'lost alumni' as possible. If you are a graduate from the University who has never had, or is no longer receiving, a copy of the alumni magazine it is because they do not have your current contact details. You are therefore invited to register on their new interactive alumni website www.manchester.ac.uk/yourmanchester where you can update your contact details, search for friends, register for events, and more. Alternatively, contact Hannah Taylor-Johnson at alumni@manchester.ac.uk or 0161 275 7230.

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation

The DRBF 8th Annual International Conference will take place in Cape Town on 2-4 May 2008. The topic is 'Dispute Resolution in Africa'. DRB email: home@drb.org DRB website: www.drb.org Further details, including the programme and registration form can be found on the homepage of the SCL website.

A Word of Warning

A report has reached us of someone, holding themselves out as representing the Society of Construction Law, contacting an SCL member for information about their firm/business. As all our members know, SCL is not a commercial organisation, does not engage any commercial body to represent it and would not, in normal circumstances, have any reason to ask for commercial information. If anyone purporting to represent us approaches you and you have any doubts, please find out as much about them as you can and check with and/or report it to Administration (admin@scl.org.uk).

New Members

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

Philip Broadley, Hull
Kim Brown, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire
Louise Flynn, Leeds
Ian Hall, Warrington, Lancashire
James Hatt, London
John Morhall, Churchlands, Australia
Jeremy Nicholson, London
David Oram, Liverpool
Armando Pardo, London
Martin Preston, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Manus Quigg, Glasgow
Angus Rankin, London
Adrian Robbins, Maidstone, Kent
James Sanford, London

SCL & ACCL International Conference Registration

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Name & Address of Organisation

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Designation:

SCL Membership No. or ACCL:

Telephone No:

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| 1. Full attendance at two day SCL conference 6 th & 7 th October | @£650 | _____ |
| 2. Confirm attendance at Cocktail Reception on 5 th October | Yes / No* | _____ |
| 3. Confirm attendance at Gala Dinner on 6 th October | Yes / No* | _____ |
| 4. Discount for early booking. | | |
| Applies to all bookings made before 1 st June 2008 | @ (£100) | (.....) |
| 5. Discount for SCL and ACCL Members | @ (£50) | (.....) |
| 6. Attendance for Monday 6 th only | @ £400 | _____ |
| 7. Attendance for Tuesday 7 th only | @ £400 | _____ |
| 8. Additional guests at Cocktail Reception on 5 th October | @ £30 | _____ |
| 9. Additional places at Conference Gala Dinner on 6 th October | @ £75 | _____ |
| 10. Attendance at President's Reception on 7 th October | @ £30 | _____ |
| 11. Attendance at the ACCL Conference on 5 th October | @ £35 | _____ |

TOTAL PAYMENT _____

* Delete as appropriate

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