
**SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW
CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE
FOR AGM 6 May 2015**

1. **Membership:** Current members – 2,353 representing 73 countries worldwide (1,786 full members and 570 overseas members). Some 30 new members are applying to join each month. These statistics are for the UK Society only. The other societies around the world now have a membership of over 2,500. This would give a worldwide membership of approaching 5,000.
2. **Papers:** Since last year's AGM we have published 16 papers covering topics such as "Concurrent Liability: Where have things gone wrong?" and "Current Issues with FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Boards".
3. **London:** In the past year there has been a full complement (12 in no.) of first rate talks by speakers including Andrew Bartlett QC, Steven Walker QC, Justin Mort QC and Julian Bailey.
4. **Regions:** It had been a busy year in the regions. A year in which many new co-ordinators have been finding their feet with no less than 49 talks have been held throughout the country in the various regions during the year including lunches in 5 regions as well as London.
5. **Europe:** An excellent conference was held in Milan in October attended by delegates from over 17 European countries. There is a new direction and enthusiasm within the individual SCL's, with a growth in SCL numbers around Europe. The ESCL team has started work on a European book looking at the

differences in construction law across Europe which it is hoped will be published at the Congress in London in October.

6. The **Junior SCL** continues to grow, and we hosted the very successful Joint Organisations Junior Boat Trip on the Thames in July, attended this year by 150 people.
7. **Social:** This has been a bumper year for SCL social events. We had the largest turnout ever for the Brewery Lunch, 800. Other events included the Scottish Lunch, the Leeds Lunch, the Dublin Lunch, the Bristol Lunch and Manchester Lunch.
8. **Hudson Prize:** The Judging Panel of the SCL Hudson Prize awarded joint First Prizes to Philip Britton for his paper “Adjudication and the Residential Occupier Exception: Time for a Rethink?” and Michael Regan for his paper “Thorman Revisited”. One paper will be presented in London next Tuesday evening. The success of the Hudson prize is now being replicated around the globe, with a new “ESCL Prize”, a Malaysian “Vincent Powell Smith Prize”, as well as a Prize in Australia being launched this year along the same lines as the Hudson Prize.
9. **University Grants:** In the last financial year the University grants team has continued to distribute funds to assist the universities in the advancement of education in construction law.