



March 2007 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

Some analysis recently of the UK Branch membership (an exercise to help us understand how we can get more of you involved in our Branch activities) found that more than half of our members are graduates, 40% made up by professional members and 3% Fellows. The rest of the classes of membership make up the remaining part. We are also going to look at the distribution by geography to see if there is something we can do to get you all involved more!

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Events for 2007

See the Upcoming Events section below for detail.

Month	Organisation	Date	Event	Location
March	IPENZ	29	Technical Talk Halley IV – UK Antarctic Base Peter Ayres of Faber Maunsell	Faber Maunsell Offices, Hatton Garden, London
April	EA/IPENZ	25	ANZAC Day Trans-Tasman Sports Challenge	tba
May	EA	12	Golf Day	
June	IPENZ	tba	AGM and Technical Talk	tba
July	EA	tba	Manchester Trip	
August	IPENZ	19	Family Barbecue	Henley Rowing Club
September	IPENZ	tba	Graduates Evening	tba
November	EA/ IPENZ	tba	Prestige Lecture	Arup, 13 Fitzroy Street
December	IPENZ	7	Xmas Soiree	NZ House

Appeal for Committee Members

Needed; New Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Webmaster

A big thank-you goes to both Selwyn Aickin and Adam Milligan for all the work done in keeping the Branch active. Please get in touch as soon as possible if you are able to help with these roles or with Committee activities so that we can be prepared prior to the AGM. All volunteers need to be financial members.

"I have been both Honorary Treasurer and Webmaster for the UK Branch for some years now and I have enjoyed performing these duties over that period. However, I have now been living outside the UK for over two years and I expect to be away for a further two years with no definite return to the UK after that. Although it has been possible for me to continue these duties from abroad, I am finding it increasingly difficult to be fully effective in these roles, mainly due to not being able to attend events and committee meetings, and because there are considerable delays in receiving my 'snail mail' from the UK, particularly bank statements.

I am therefore asking for volunteers from the Branch membership to take over these tasks from the next AGM. These tasks are not linked so can be done by separate people." - *Selwyn Aickin*

Adam Milligan has also resigned from the position of Honorary Secretary.

If you can help please contact Kelvin Smith - chair@ipenz.org.uk or phone 07815 872 834

Recent Events

Christmas Soiree

With a great selection of wine and beer, a lovely meal and the smoothest piano-man in the business it was another fantastic soiree, hosted by our antipodean counterparts at Christmas.

A good crowd of Kiwi Engineers attended the evening, mixing with the Aussies to reflect on the year's activities and life in the UK, reminisce about life 'back home', catch up with seldom seen colleagues and look forward to future events.



A huge thank you goes to the organisers at Engineers Australia for a memorable evening's entertainment in the amazing venue that is Australia House. And those that went to the club afterwards will undoubtedly have a hangover to remember as well.

This year's Christmas Soiree will be hosted by IPENZ on December 7 at the Penthouse in New Zealand House. Put it in your diary now!

Olympic Park Site Visit

We had seven members along for the visit to the site of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in East London on 6 March. and hope to get more along over the next five years when we do it again to check progress.

In the viewing gallery photo below, with the site and London City in the background are (l-r) Brent Hills, Matt Wickham, Derek Chisholm and Aaran MacPherson.



After an ominous looking start it turned out to be a good day, with great views of the site. Visible in the site photo below is the development going on in Stratford already on the left hand side, the Stratford International station ready for the Eurostar service, the large area nearing readiness for Olympic venue construction and London city in the background.





And we had to stop for beer in Canary Wharf on the way back. Another great IPENZ UK day out.

yokiwi!

UK Branch needs your help! Introducing the yokiwi Scheme...

Visit: www.ipenz.org.uk/yokiwi

What is the aim of the yokiwi scheme?

To increase IPENZ UK Branch membership. The UK Branch membership base needs to grow so that Branch events are better patronised, providing better networking opportunities for Kiwi Engineers resident in the UK. An increase in membership will therefore be good for existing members as well as for new ones.

The primary purpose of the *yokiwi* scheme is to request that existing IPENZ members who are resident in the UK (but are members of Branches in New Zealand by virtue of their IPENZ registered postal address) change their postal address to their UK address, and thus become UK Branch members, rather than members of Branches in NZ.

How does the scheme work – how can you help?

As a current IPENZ UK Branch member you are invited to recommend fellow Kiwi Engineering friends/colleagues based in the UK (who you believe are not yet IPENZ UK Branch members) to be contacted by IPENZ UK Branch. Recommended Kiwi Engineers will be either sent a text message or an email containing brief details about how and why to join IPENZ UK Branch. If the recommended Kiwi Engineer is not a member of IPENZ, first and foremost they are encouraged to join IPENZ. However, they are also advised that it is possible in certain circumstances to apply for Special Membership of the UK Branch (£20 per year, £10 for retirees). Please note that by law we are only able to send information to recommended Kiwi Engineers whom you have contacted yourself and received their permission for us to contact them.

Does the scheme cost IPENZ or IPENZ UK Branch any money?

Not a penny.

What do we do with recommended persons contact details?

Contact details are held for the duration of the yokiwi scheme only and will never be passed on to any third party. In addition, they will not be used for any other IPENZ UK Branch promotion or scheme.

Do we bombard recommended Kiwi Engineers with information on an on-going basis?

No. Recommended Kiwi Engineers only receive a one-off text message or email from IPENZ UK Branch. A database system is kept to ensure that recommended persons do not receive multiple messages if a number of members recommend the same person. Remember, the primary purpose of this scheme is to request Kiwi Engineers who belong to IPENZ and are resident in the UK to change their IPENZ registered address to their UK address.

How do we know that recommended Kiwi Engineers names are genuine?

The name of the person submitting the details - yours - are cross referenced against the current IPENZ membership list to confirm that you are a paid-up IPENZ member prior to the text message or email being sent. We can not accept information from people who are not current IPENZ members.

How long will the yokiwi scheme run for?

The scheme is being run initially for a trial period and depending on levels of interest and success, it may be extended into the future.

If you have any queries about the scheme feel free to send an email to membership@ipenz.org.uk
Visit: www.ipenz.org.uk/yokiwi

NOW!

IPENZ Competence Assessments

Performed again in the UK!!

IPENZ competence assessments are now being offered in the UK; they were last offered in 2003. In the meantime there have been changes to the requirements which are outlined below. The IPENZ UK Branch continues to facilitate the assessments.

The following summary is based on applications for *initial registration*, from Members who have not been previously assessed. Key points are:

- all application documentation to be sent to Wellington
- applications for MIPENZ or Int PE only, not CP Eng
- applicants must have 4 year BE degree or equivalent (to Washington Accord)
- two rounds offered with interactive assessment in May and October
- four assessors, two in Wellington and two in the UK with conference phone link.

Documentation

All documentation required can be downloaded from the IPENZ website at www.ipenz.org.nz/ipenz/forms/pdfs and click on PR 100 (or under download forms on the home page

of the IPENZ website). PR 100 is entitled '*IPENZ Handbook for Applicants seeking formal Recognition of their Competence as a Professional Engineer*'.

Applicants will be required to prepare four sets of documents, two to be sent to IPENZ Wellington and two to be retained for the UK assessors. Currently the fees for UK applicants are the same as NZ applicants. In future UK applicants may be required to meet any additional costs incurred for a UK assessment.

Professional Qualification

Applicants for CP Eng are required to demonstrate a level of competence for practice in NZ. This implies familiarisation with NZ regulations and standards in their area of competence. Graduates who have recently left NZ where they have build up competence as a graduate Engineer may have the knowledge requirements but this knowledge would date if they were to be in the UK for any length of time.

However MIPENZ Engineers returning to NZ from the UK would be able to apply for CP Eng once they have been working in their field of competence for a short period, say 6+ months. Applying for CP Eng from scratch once they have returned to NZ may be more problematic if getting endorsement on UK experience which NZ referees may not be familiar with.

Degree Qualification

Signatories to the Washington Accord are given in Appendix 7 (p 38) of PR100

Closing Dates for Competence Assessments

Assessment dates for 2007 are given on p 51 of PR100. For the UK these are:

Round	Documentation Due	Interactive Assessment Dates
Three	30 March	7 – 11 May
Eight	31 August	8 – 12 October

UK Assessors

There will be one staff assessor from Wellington, and three practice area assessors – one from Wellington and two from UK. Of the two UK assessors, one will be from IPENZ UK, and one in the practice area of the applicant from ICE, or IStructE etc.

What is required of Graduate Engineers?

Graduate engineers working overseas in an engineering role should continue to record and analyse their work experience, under the guidance of a mentor or supervising engineer, on the IPENZ training report forms. IPENZ recognises this experience as contributing to the initial career development of a young engineer. Graduate members of IPENZ will have access to the Graduate Competency Development Programmes through the member-only area of the website. They are able to record their experience on training report forms on line but will need to print off a copy of their training report forms and have them verified and signed by an appropriate senior engineer. The signed original copy needs to be posted to IPENZ National Office who will review it for adequacy.

The above information is a summary only and if you are thinking about professional membership you should have a look at the IPENZ website for more details. Enquiries specific to the UK assessment process may be addressed to:

Derek Chisholm (UK contact for Competence Assessments and Graduate Training)
CACoord@ipenz.org.uk

Other contact details at the IPENZ UK website at www.ipenz.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Technical Talk – “The Coolest House on Earth”

29 March 2007

Halley VI Antarctic Base

Presented by Peter Ayres
Director, Faber Maunsell



Refreshments 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

£5 includes refreshments

The London Room, Faber Maunsell
The Johnson Building
77 Hatton Garden
London EC1N 8JS *Nearest tube is Chancery Lane or Farringdon*

Faber Maunsell and Hugh Broughton Architects have been named winners of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) competition to design the Halley VI Research Station in Antarctica.

The new, replacement station will provide a home and work place for 16 people during the winter and 52 in the summer, and will need to respond to the most extreme environment on the planet. Located 10,000 miles from the UK, the station will be situated on the 150m thick floating Brunt Ice Shelf, which moves 400m per annum towards the sea. Snow accumulation means that snow levels rise by over a metre every year, and the sun does not rise above the horizon for three months during the Austral winter.

To attend this event, please complete the on-line reply form and make direct banking payment (details at www.ipenz.org.uk) by Monday 26 March, or post a cheque to:

Kelvin Smith
Chairman IPENZ UK Branch
15 / 54 Gainsford Street, London, SE1 2NB

Enquiries to Kelvin Smith
chair@ipenz.org.uk
07815 872 834

ANZAC Day IPENZ/Engineers Australia

Trans-Tasman Sporting Challenge

Wednesday 25 April - evening



A sports challenge to IPENZ UK Branch members has been laid down by the UK Division of Engineers Australia. It was unanimously agreed at the last committee meeting that our membership would accept and rise to the challenge.

The (non-contact) sport and location is to be confirmed over the coming weeks. Indoor football, cricket, netball and softball have all been mooted as possibilities. A flyer will be sent to all UK Branch members in the coming weeks as soon as details have been confirmed. Places in the team will be on a first confirmed first served basis, so keep an eye out for it.

Member Offers

New Zealand inspired Magazine

We have negotiated a free 3 month subscription to NZ Inspired magazine for IPENZ UK Branch Members.



New Zealand inspired takes you behind the headlines to give you an insight into the issues that matter to Kiwis and anyone with an interest in New Zealand. From politics to sport to the arts to business and so much more,

New Zealand inspired celebrates New Zealand, its people and its position on a global stage. Inspirational, informative and at times provocative, *New Zealand inspired* proves that New Zealand's influence extends much further than its little corner of the South Pacific.

In order to receive this free offer you will need to reply by 17 March to:

Kelvin Smith
chair@ipenz.org.uk
07815 872 834

Foreign Exchange (Advertisement)

Sending money back to NZ? - Don't let the banks cash in!

Currency specialists HIFX can give you access to preferential exchange rates and save IPENZ Members £100's a year on bank charges.



If you're sending money back home to New Zealand, you'll know that the international banking charges and transfer fees charged by your bank can soon add up to a tidy sum over time. In addition fluctuating currency rates can seriously affect the monthly amounts that finally arrive in your bank account back home.

HIFX has developed a regular payments abroad service to remove the stress organising regular currency transfers can create. They can help you fix the exchange rate for up to 24 months into the future and organise your international money transfers. The process is fully automated and guarantees you'll never miss a payment. All you need to do is arrange a monthly direct debit to HIFX and they'll take care of everything else.

The service is currently used to make over 35,000 payments every year and by using their regular payments service, HIFX could save you up to £300 a year on transfer fees alone. The savings you'll make don't end there. Not only will you be able to take advantage of the highly competitive exchange rates negotiated by the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand UK, with NO commission charges, NO transfer fees, and NO receiving fees at any foreign banks GUARANTEED, HIFX will make sure you'll receive more of your money!

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