

ASHRAE Group ANNUAL REPORT 2009 - CIBSE

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Introduction																							
<p>Formed in 1995 the CIBSE ASHRAE Group represents members who have an interest in the Building Services industry both in the UK and in North America. Whilst a Group within CIBSE, membership is additionally open at no cost to members of ASHRAE, and also to interested individuals who are neither members of CIBSE nor ASHRAE. The group is unique within CIBSE in that it is not associated with a particular sub-discipline of building services and aims to focus primarily on issues with a transatlantic emphasis and inter-institutional activity.</p>																							
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Group Membership/CIBSE Membership – Any points of note or interest including membership drives																							
<p>Current membership of the Group on the CIBSE database is over 7800 – this is a continued growth (approximately 1200) in the last year and the group now has members in over 120 countries. The top 10 countries (as at October 2009 with last year's figures in brackets) are 3639 (3160) from UK, Hong Kong 972 (862), UAE 384 (318), Ireland 355 (306), Australia 267 (221), USA 200 (159), India 189 (142), Singapore 89 (71), Malaysia 82 (68), and New Zealand 70 (61) members.</p>																							
Group events (i.e. events organised by the Group's committee and publicised to the Group's membership)																							
<p>The activities of the Group are on a wide technical base, attempting to carry through a broadly transatlantic theme. Traditionally evening meetings have been presented on the</p>																							

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second Wednesday of the month at London South Bank University - attendance at these meetings typically ranges between 50 and 100. The increase in numbers attending the meetings has been sustained over the over the last year. Topics covered at the meetings are varied and in that past few months seasons have included 'CHP comes of age' – this was very well attended; and 'Urban Wind Turbines - saviours or statues' that had more attendees than could fit in the room.

Those unable to attend the meetings including the international members (almost 40% of the CIBSE ASHRAE group are outside UK/Ireland) are able to gain access to most of the presentations through the group website, www.cibseashrae.org.

One of the key activities of the group is the ASHRAE Presidential lecture held in the autumn of each year. This year's president Gordon Holness presented at the London HQ of IMechE and acted as a judge for the CIBSE ASHRAE Group, H& V News Graduate of the Year that was awarded to Emma Marshall of Northumbria University who will be travelling to the Orlando ASHRAE winter meeting as her prize. Now in its fourteenth year this well-established and prestigious award rewards the best graduate from a programme related to CIBSE/ASHRAE activities. The competition was, for the first time, sponsored by Baxi and supported by CIBSE, ASHRAE, IMechE, CIBSE Patrons and the Rumford Club. Last year's winner Morwenna Wilson has gone on to take an increasingly active role both in CIBSE's Young Engineer's Network and ASHRAE's YEA

Events held in conjunction with other Groups or the CIBSE Regional Committees

Annual event (evening presentation) held in conjunction with FM Group
Annual event (evening presentation) held in conjunction with CIBSE CHP Group
YEN collaboration with CIBSE ASHRAE Graduate of the Year
Supported event at CIBSE Preston Centre

Events in conjunction with any external bodies

The mutual recognition membership agreement with ASHRAE continues to attract a steady stream of applicants with nearly 100 applications having been made to CIBSE through this route since its inception. Out of these applications approximately half have been successful. As the chair of the CIBSE ASHRAE group is also chair of CIBSE Individual Case Procedure panel and a previous member of ASHRAE Admissions and Advancement Committee he is in a good position both to advise and monitor the progress of this initiative. Following the economic downturn that has hit the Middle East ex-pat members particularly badly there is now renewed interest from Dubai and the group is helped to promote a Dubai CIBSE event to ASHRAE Falcon Chapter board members in November 2010. We hold the majority of our London events in collaboration with IMechE Greater London Region who share the refreshment costs.

Publications involvement

None

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Research activities of the Group
A new Research officer was appointed during the year – however economic pressures have reduced potential opportunities at present. He is continuing to look for mutually beneficial research activities between CIBSE and ASHRAE.
Group involvement in consultations and policy development
None
Communications – e-newsletters, newsletters, website, forum etc
<p>The group website (hosted independently of CIBSE, www.cibseashrae.org) and regular emails keep contact with a large proportion of the membership –the majority of group members have an email address. The site provides an automated group registration process (that automatically contacts CIBSE HQ), maintains an updated programme, abstracts, and papers from group events.</p> <p>The site has attracted over 1000 unique visits every month this year and there were in the order of 500 downloads of presentations from the site each month. (See www.cibseashrae.org for downloads.)</p> <p>The group continues to benefit from coverage in the CIBSE Journal – the Journal continues to be keen to take articles covering CIBSE/ASHRAE activities.</p>
Education/Careers activities
<p>The relationship with the CIBSE YEN is leading to both joint events and cross promotion. The ‘webinar’ planned for the last year did not take place however the group will publish at least one of its events as a podcast on the website.</p> <p>There are plans to work with Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) to deliver an ‘international’ event on ‘Green Washing’ in 2010 using a combination of VoIP communications and local Powerpoint presentations to separate concurrent audiences with speakers from different global locations.</p>
Awards/Competitions organised by the group
CIBSE ASHRAE Group, H& V News Graduate of the Year
Collaboration with other bodies and development of knowledge networks
<p>Joint events with ASHRAE, IMechE, IoR</p> <p>The group traditionally holds its meetings at London South Bank University – the group officers have been exploring alternative venues to enable a different group of attendees. In conjunction with this the group is also working on joint events in Cardiff and Dublin in</p>

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conjunction with the ASHRAE Sub Region C that will take place in 2010.
Sponsorship - What sponsorship was received this year, in kind or monetary? Are any future activities involving sponsorship planned?
Baxi sponsored an evening discussion meeting (refreshment costs) and this is to be repeated this year.
Any activities of the group (relating to the group's original aims and objectives) that have not been covered above
Any noteworthy trends internal or external to the group that have a bearing on the group's operation
The CIBSE ASHRAE Graduate of the Year attracted a number of trade journal editors.