



Welcome to the latest edition of the EI update, designed to keep our members, partners and key stakeholders up to date with current activities and developments within the Energy Institute – thank you for your continued support, commitment and dedication to our work. We hope you find this update of interest and would welcome any feedback at e: kcrabb@energyinst.org

People news

A few new recruits have arrived since the beginning of the year:



Safinaz (Saf) Abdoolcarrim joined the EI on 2 January as Accounts Officer, reporting to Ava Longhurst. Saf was previously Bought Ledger Clerk at Clinton Cards and has just passed her first year of studying for an Association of Accounting Technician (AAT) qualification at Foundation Level. She is now studying AAT at Intermediate Level.

Welcome also to *Dr Jennifer (Jenny) Lyn*, who joined on 4 February as Technical Manager – Environment and Health, reporting to Mark Scanlon. Jenny comes to us from the Food Standards Agency. She has a BSc (Hons) degree in Geology with Environmental Applications from Imperial College, and has also undertaken PhD research in the field of scientific data quality at the University of Sussex.



The Communications Team has also recruited a new Editorial Officer, *Sarah Reed*, who joins the EI later this month to support Steve Hodgson with the production of Energy World. Roles and responsibilities within the editorial team have been reviewed following Chris Skrebowski's wish to take a step back from editing Petroleum Review from springtime. Chris will continue to be involved as Consulting Editor on a freelance basis, with Kim Jackson and Louise Smith being promoted to Editor and Assistant Editor respectively.

Ava Longhurst, Financial Controller, is currently on maternity leave and recently gave birth to her baby girl.



We have also had to say a sad farewell to *Abi Oshinusi* who had only joined us in November. Unfortunately, due to family illness, Abi has decided that she is unable to continue in her role as Membership Officer at the EI.

New for 2008 – Energy In Transition

A major new development for 2008 will be the EI's summer events from 8 to 10 July. The theme of the programme is Energy in Transition. The aim is to emulate the success of IP Week and create a similar series of events covering a broader range of energy sectors. The programme is now being finalised and will feature conferences dedicated to reducing demand and increasing efficiency, renewables and other sustainable supply technologies, and climate change. The three-day event will be held at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall and will also feature the EI Summer Lunch and prestigious Melchett Lecture, delivered by this year's recipient Mr Andrew Warren FEI, Director, Association for the Conservation of Energy.



International Petroleum Week 2008

IP Week 2008 was packed with a record number of events taking place over the four days – 16 to be specific, all of which went very well. There were around 1,300 guests at the IP Week Dinner, and the Spotlight on India conference was also successful with a good number of delegates attending, as was the half-day conference on Skills. This was very encouraging considering both these events were new to the programme. The skills event saw the official launch of Energyzone (www.energyzone.net) and the announcement of the publication of the EI's report on *Skills needs in the energy industry* – the outcome of research carried out by the EI in partnership with Deloitte and Norman Broadbent over the past couple of years. The report itself is now available from www.energyinstpubs.org.uk at £25 for EI members and £50 for non-EI members. The profile of IP Week was also raised in the media thanks to a special supplement from the Daily Telegraph published with the newspaper on 14 February and also distributed at the event itself.



Branch news

Jocelyne Bia, EI Communications Director, will be visiting EI USA (Houston) at the time of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in May. She has been liaising with chairman Brian Morr to recruit an administration assistant to support the branch's marketing drive. The new person should be in place by the time of OTC, at which the EI will once again have a presence.



Website update

The Communications Team are being kept busy with the development of the new website. Jocelyne Bia is currently working with the Library and Information Service (LIS) team to test the content management system and begin populating the new site.



Chartered Environmentalist

The EI's application to award Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) under licence from the Society for the Environment was made back in November and an audit visit was conducted in February. The outcome will be going for approval this month and we fully expect to be able to start awarding this title soon. All existing members have a one year grandparenting period during which the application process won't require an interview and we expect many members to take advantage of this offer.

Recruitment portal

The Development Team are currently working on an EI online recruitment service for the energy sector. This should provide a significant new service for membership and add value to the EI's activities. In the interim, we have overhauled our current Job Search page at www.energyinst.org.uk/jobsearch, and are now taking series bookings at a generously discounted rate for companies wishing to advertise with us on a regular basis. We are able to offer button and banner ads from this page with links to pdf uploads or further information. For key stakeholders, we are extending special Early Bird booking offers, in advance of the launch of the new recruitment website. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Frost Mellor, Development Manager, e: sfm@energyinst.org





Energy Institute Benevolent Fund

The EI Benevolent Fund can provide a range of financial and other assistance to those in need. If you are an EI member, former member or a dependent, the Fund may be able to help you. The Fund is made available following generous donations from EI members to support people in times of hardship and financial difficulty to relieve poverty, improve quality of life and encourage personal development through educational support. The criteria are broad ranging and every application is judged on its merits by a small management committee with the minimum red tape. The Fund is needs-led and not overly restricted if your application falls within the criteria set for making awards.



Your situation and any subsequent application and assistance provided remains confidential to the Fund's management committee. Advice about your eligibility and guidance on how to make an application is on hand. The Management Committee judges each case on its merits with the minimum of red tape. If you would be interested in making a donation to the Fund or arranging a Legacy please contact rcooper@energyinst.org for further advice. To request assistance, please telephone t: +44 (0)207 467 7100 or email EIBF@energyinst.org



Technical Team update

The Technical Team has been very busy during the first quarter of the year, maintaining and delivering against the agreed technical programme. Highlights include the publication of *Standard Methods for analysis and testing of petroleum and related products and British Standard 2000 Parts*.



February saw the publication of *Design, construction and operation of workshops for petroleum road tankers*, launched at an EI workshop which attracted over 80 delegates. Work continues across HSE themes, with the establishment of the Process Safety Work Group which brings together a wide range of participating companies. Work is also ongoing with hydrocarbon management, with members of the team attending meetings with the American Petroleum Institute to build on the Phoenix agreement of 2006. Work also continues on Carbon Capture and Storage, with over 16 organisations signed up to the EI's joint industry project in this area. The Technical Team has also recently published *Guidelines for the avoidance of vibration induced fatigue failure in process pipework*, as part of its emerging Upstream portfolio.



The Publishing Team has been working hard in close support with the Technical Team in delivering the above publications, as well as working on broadening the content in the catalogue, and working on a number of wider energy related topics.



Launch of bespoke training service

The EI will be launching its new bespoke training service in April/May. As one of the leading providers in energy management training, the EI now offers a more tailored service. You chose the course theme, the venue, and the delegates, and the EI provides a tailor-made course dedicated to specific requirements. To find out more, contact Yasmine Daldas, t: +44 (0)20 7467 7135, e: ydaldas@energyinst.org



Diary dates

Key events/exhibitions scheduled for 2008 which the EI is supporting:

- *Offshore Technology Conference* (Houston): 5–8 May
- *Power 2008* (Prague): 6–9 May
- *Nemex – part of Sustainabilitylive!* (Birmingham): 20–22 May
- *All-Energy* (Aberdeen): 21–22 May
- *Humber renewable process industries conference* (North Lincs): 4 June
- *Low Carbon Innovation Exchange* (London): 26 June
- *World Petroleum Congress* (Madrid): 29 June–3 July

Other EI and branch events taking place in the next three months include:

- 25 April *Humber Branch Spring Social*
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- 25 April *Essex Branch Annual Dinner Dance*
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- 29 April *Business breakfast: CSR – management and training*
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- 29 April *Low Carbon Innovation Exchange (Glasgow)*
Register at www.ei-carbonexchange.org
- 13 May *Advances in drilling technology (Aberdeen)*
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- 20 May *Energy managers' toolkit (Birmingham)*
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- 27 May *Zero carbon homes (London)*
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- 28 May *Web 2.0 for information professionals (London)*
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- 29 May *Warming of the oceans (Southampton)*
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- 10 June *Visit to Bristows Helicopters (Aberdeen)*
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- 10 June *Decommissioning conference (Aberdeen)*
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- 17 June *Financial help for energy efficiency projects (London)*
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- 18 June *Reputation risk for an energy crisis (London)*
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- 23 June *Severn Barrage (London)*
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