

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 (EI). As you will know, the last few months have been dominated worldwide with the impact of the economic downturn. In these unsettled times, the EI aims to be aware of changing global environments, anticipate their effect and mitigate their impact. Thank you for your support and commitment to our work as we continue to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible to **deliver good practice and professionalism** to those we support.

We hope you find this update of interest and would welcome any feedback at e: kcrabb@energyinst.org

People news

Gareth Parkes joined the EI in October 2008 as Technical Officer reporting to Martin Hunnybun. Gareth has a MEng (Hons) in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nottingham. The main areas of his work are to support the technical team's work on Hydrocarbon Management, Test Methods and Human and Organisational Factors.

Will Sadler took up the role of Professional Development Officer reporting to Kate Dunk in November 2008. Will has a BA (Hons) in History from the University of Manchester. He will be with the EI until November 2009, providing cover while Yasmine Daldas studies for her MA. His focus is on marketing the EI's portfolio of energy management training courses and updating EnergyZone resources.

Gemma Wilkinson also joined in November 2008 as Events Officer, reporting to Laura Viscione. Gemma has graduated from the University of Essex with a BSc (Hons) in Psychology, and is currently studying Event Management as an evening course. Gemma's main duties are to provide administrative support and assistance in the organisation of the EI events calendar.

Mandy Bibby joined in January 2009 as Management Accountant reporting to Ava Longhurst. Mandy was employed for the past four years by the North West Kent College as Finance Assistant. She is also studying there for her Certificate with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Mandy's main duties are to provide financial administration and management support to all budget holders, payroll and various other accounting tasks.

Symmone Cupidore joined the EI's Publications Team in March 2009 as Publishing Officer reporting to Erica Sciolti. Symmone's main duties are the handling of customer enquiries and orders, keeping the EI publications website along with other book listings up to date, and assisting with the promotion and marketing of new titles.

Sonia Quintanilla has been promoted to Technical Manager – Test Methods, reporting to Martin Hunnybun. Over the past four years, Sonia has supported John Phipps in this key technical team activity, and has taken on increasing responsibility for this challenging area following John's retirement. Sonia is now working on IP Test Methods, primarily focusing on the annual delivery of the Standard Test Methods books, and developing EI correlation schemes, which builds on this work.

Roger Cooper has now retired from the Energy Institute as Finance Director, and *Ava Longhurst* has been promoted to take on full responsibility for the finance and administration functions of the EI. Over the past seven years, Ava has developed her skills and taken on additional responsibilities. In her new role, she will help to develop the financial strategy and objectives of the EI, act as Secretary to the Finance and Audit Committee, Pension Plan Trustees, Benevolent Fund and subsidiary companies, and ensure compliance with Charity Commission and HMRC rules and regulations.

Professional affairs

Membership update

The EI has achieved its 2008 target with the total of 2,327 new members. The number of individual EI members now adds up to just under 14,000. Forty-four new company members were also recruited in 2008, among them Accenture, DNV Europe and PetroCanada. A number of campaigns promoting professional membership and chartered status have also been launched, with a concentrated push for the new title which the EI now has the licence to award – Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv). The EI's fast track grandfathering period will conclude in June and the EI has so far elected 21 CEnvs to date.

If you haven't yet paid your membership subscription, may we ask you to please do so as soon as possible. Prompt payment enables the EI to keep its membership fees as low as it can, and save on follow up administration costs.

Over 2000 EI members already pay their subscriptions each year by Gift Aid, enabling the EI to claim back the tax for every pound of the subscription that you pay. This increases the income of EI at no cost to you, and in turn enables the EI to continue to offer a variety of services to support your career development whilst offering value for money. If you have not already signed a Gift Aid form then please visit www.energyinst.org.uk/giftaid

EI wins education and training award

The EI has won this year's Special Association Award for advancing education in the oil and gas industry. Presented at the annual education and training Getenergy event in London, this award recognises the education work of the EI, most notably the development of its careers and education website, www.energyzone.net

International Petroleum (IP) Week

The major event in the first quarter of the year was IP Week which again held numerous conferences and seminars over the four days. New topics for the week included a conference specifically on Africa, one on 'Expanding Economies' and another on 'Managing the Industry'. A new feature of IP Week which was particularly successful was a student poster competition. Andrew Hyde was voted the winner and presented a poster on the topic of 'The assessment of offshore decommissioning techniques and their environmental impacts'.





EI/Hays salary survey

The Professional Affairs and Development teams have been working on a joint salary survey with specialist recruitment consultancy – Hays. Further details can be found at: www.energyinst.org.uk/salariesurvey2009

Technical team update

The technical work programme for 2009 was agreed by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) in November. Significant progress has been made in attracting additional EI Partners. Centrica took full partner status in 2008, and ABB, Lloyd's Register and Turner's Distribution are also among those new Technical Company Members.

CCS and offshore safety workshops

The EI hosted a Technical Workshop in October to discuss issues surrounding the design and operation of carbon capture and storage plants and pipelines. This included presentations on plant design (pipeline, valves and seals, procurement methods and blow down and relief vessels), and operational issues (fire and explosion risks, monitoring issues), as well as feedback on demonstration projects. It was very well attended and served as an excellent vehicle for demonstrating to regulators that significant experience and competence already exists within industry in addressing many of their concerns raised over CCS.

Reservoir Microbiology Forum

In November, the EI hosted the Reservoir Microbiology Forum which focused on microbial development in reservoir technologies. Speakers from around the world joined around 80 delegates for two days of presentations.

Corrosion threats handbook

The Corrosion threats handbook and accompanying guidance was published last year and has been widely taken up by industry. Having received very positive feedback, the Publishing Team is currently working on producing pocket sized and personalised versions of the handbook for workgroup members.

Technical training

Across the Technical, Development and Professional Affairs teams, the EI is working on developing technical training courses from the good practice guidance produced through the technical programme. A joint API/EI training course based on the 1550 Aviation Handbook was held in March.

Library and information service (LIS)

Launch of new online service

Following a successful trial, the EI now offers free access to a wide range of energy-related reference books through the Knovel service on the EI website.

EI yearbook and directory

The latest, redesigned edition of the EI Yearbook and Directory was published in late December. All EI members should have received their copy. Additional copies can be obtained from e: lis@energyinst.org at £30 each.

British Energy Association secretariat

The EI LIS team has now taken on managing the secretariat of the British Energy Association (BEA), which is the UK committee of the World Energy Council (WEC). Its first event of 2009 was held on 26 March entitled 'Wither the UK Electricity Grid?'



Online activities

www.yourenergyjobs.com – the EI's new online recruitment service

YourEnergyJobs is an interactive new website which helps both candidates and recruiters build and develop job opportunities. Various advertising options are available along with enhanced employer listings. There is a CV database where recruiters can contact candidates directly and a search facility to locate candidates with hard to reach skills sets. The service is easy to use and allows you to promote and/or search for jobs across location, energy sector, job type and salary.

Website update

The new EI website is now at soft launch stage and currently being submitted to extensive beta testing amongst the EI staff team and member volunteers.

Coming up

New supplement for *Petroleum Review* and *Energy World*

An online readership survey for *Petroleum Review* and *Energy World* was launched in December and attracted around 600 responses across the two magazines. The full results are still being analysed, but in the meantime, the 2009 editorial programme will feature the launch of a new supplement focusing on skills, entitled *Future Skills*.

Energy in Transition: making a low carbon future a reality

This Summer, the EI will be holding its second annual Energy in Transition 4-day event, held 15-18 June in London. It will be wholly focused on the issues of implementing long-term change to existing energy systems to ensure better management of energy demand and use. It will look at the key factors that are driving change including the UK's ambitions for tackling climate change, ensuring efficient use of energy, making supplies more reliable and reducing energy dependency. Delegates will be able to ask key agencies how they are ensuring the action needed in order to move to a low carbon energy system. Speakers and exhibitors will be able to demonstrate how it can be practically achieved.

The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Energy Institute (EI) will also be held throughout Energy in Transition, taking place on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at 4.45pm at the Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED. There will be two vacancies on EI Council. If you would like to be nominated for election or plan to attend this meeting, please contact Helen Sullivan, Assistant to the Chief Executive, e: hsullivan@energyinst.org, by 3 June 2009.

EI awards – call for entries

The EI Awards ceremony will be held on 19 November 2009 at the Sheraton Park Lane Hotel, London. There are eight award categories and the deadline for entries is 29 June. It is FREE to enter and your submission should consist of a synopsis of up to 1,000 words describing your project under five specific headings (background; aims; description and development; impact and benefits; and reasons why the project should be considered). For more information, please visit:

www.energyinst.org.uk/eiawards

Key events/exhibitions scheduled for 2009 which the EI is supporting:

- *Sustainabilitylive! (Birmingham)*: 19-21 May
- *All-Energy (Aberdeen)*: 20-21 May
- *Offshore Europe (Aberdeen)*: 8-11 September
- *The Energy Event (Birmingham)*: 9-10 September
- *Energy Solutions Expo (London)*: 7-8 October

For a full list of forthcoming events, please check the EI's events calendar online.

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