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Plans already in hand for this year's flagship event

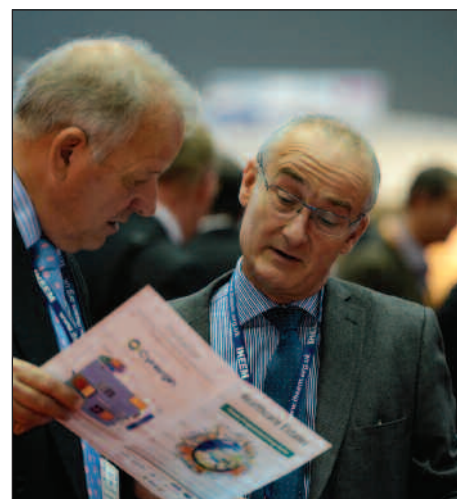
With last October's Healthcare Estates event having, in the words of the organisers, Step Exhibitions, proved 'an unqualified success', with more visitors filling the isles, conference delegate numbers having grown year-on-year, and the IHEEM Awards Dinner a sell-out, stand bookings for this year's exhibition are already at 55 per cent.

Show director, Steve Webb, explained: "This level of bookings at this stage is a record. Feedback on the 2013 show, and the response to a number of the changes we made, has been extremely encouraging. With increased content and more exhibitors (190, compared with 170 the previous year), we hoped for an increase in visitors and delegates, and that's precisely what we got. "We aim to build on this in 2014.

Healthcare Estates 2014 will take place on 7 and 8 October at Manchester Central, and will incorporate a major exhibition, with sector-focussed theatres providing free content to visitors, run in conjunction with the IHEEM conference and prestigious black tie dinner."

The 2014 flagship IHEEM event will also give visitors the opportunity to meet with key suppliers to the sector, including Aid Call, Bender UK, BOC Healthcare, Britplas, Cistermiser, Courtney-Thorne, Delabie, Gleeds, Horne Engineering, Kemper, Lorne Stewart, Pall Life Sciences, Polar (NE) Ltd., Primera, Procure 21+, Reliance Water Controls, SAACKE Combustion Services, Sabien Technology, Shire Controls, Static Systems, Spirax Sarco, Taurus Fitted Bedrooms, Thorlux Lighting, Trend Control Systems, Wandsworth Group, and Yewdale.

The 2014 marketing campaign will have



'a new look and feel', which will also be reflected in the event website and e-marketing. Steve Webb said: "We will promote a number of reasons to attend, with Healthcare Estates branded as 'a destination', and the event encouraging visitors and delegates to 'focus on quality in the workplace, the patient environment, and the buildings we run'.

"We have recently agreed with IHEEM and Manchester Central that Healthcare Estates will continue to be held in Manchester. Since moving to the city in 2010, we have developed the event, and exhibitors, visitors, and delegates like the venue's close proximity to hotels and restaurants."

For more information on Healthcare Estates 2014, including rates for exhibiting, and visiting details, telephone 01892 518877, visit www.healthcare-estates.org.uk or email: healthcare@stepex.com



Minutes of IHEEM's 2013 Annual General Meeting

IHEEM's 23rd Annual General Meeting was held on 8 October 2013 at Manchester Central.

The President, Greg Markham, chaired the Meeting, and opened it by welcoming everyone, and asking the Chief Executive Officer to read out the notice of the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Richard Boyce, Andy Wavell, and Gordon McKeown.

Agenda Item One:

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 October 2012 having previously been circulated and published, were taken as read, and agreed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the President, Greg Markham.

Agenda Item Two:

Annual Report/Financial Statements

The Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2012 had previously been sent to all IHEEM members. They were received and considered. There being no further questions, the President moved that the report and financial statement be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item Three:

Approval of elections to Council

The CEO advised that four Council members had offered themselves for appointment:

- John Allwork – North West Branch.
- Nigel Keery – Northern Ireland Branch.
- Andrew Ward – Wales Branch.
- Steve Batson – Yorkshire Branch.

All seats were uncontested, and came with the recommendation and approval of Council.

The President moved that the nominations be approved, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The CEO read out the list of Council members who would serve for the next 12 months, who are:

President:

Greg Markham.

Branch Members:

- Northern Ireland – Nigel Keery.
- Scotland – Harry Waugh.
- Wales – Andrew Ward.
- North East – Wayne Carr.
- North West – John Allwork.
- Yorkshire – Steve Batson.

- East Midlands – Mark Richards.
- West Midlands – Ivan Little.
- East Anglia – Vacant.
- London – John Crawford.
- South – Derek Chaplin.
- South West – Graham Marsh.

The President thanked the Council members who have retired 'for their invaluable contribution and service to the Institute'.

Agenda Item Four:

To appoint auditors and authorise Council to fix their remuneration

The President proposed that Morris Crocker, Chartered Accountants, be reappointed as Auditors to the Institute for the 2014 financial year, and that Council be authorised to determine their remuneration. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item Five:

To transact any special business of the Institute

- *Special Resolution 1* – To change Articles of Association 7-9; change to wording.
- *Special Resolution 2* – To change Article of Association Branches; to insert articles 117 & 118 (new numbering).
- *Special Resolution 3* – To change Article of Association Branches 'interpretation'; change to wording.
- *Special Resolution 4* – To change Article of Association Standing Orders 'interpretation'; Insert an Expression and Meaning.

The resolutions were carried unanimously.

Any other business

The President gave those present the opportunity to ask questions, with no questions raised. He then thanked those who had attended, and closed the meeting.

- A full set of AGM minutes can be obtained by emailing: annabelle.morgan@iheem.org.uk

Are all NEW MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF aware of the Institute and its services?
PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN!

membership@iheem.org.uk

Diary dates

16 Jan: IHEEM North West Branch evening seminar on vinyl floorcoverings, including Polyflor presentation, Tameside General Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne. T: 01457 867637; www.iheem.org.uk/Events

28 Jan: Joint IHEEM London Branch and CIBSE Home Counties North East Region CPD evening seminar on noise law and guidance, The Counting House, 50, Cornhill, London. Visit: www.cibse.org/HCNE or email: cibse.hcner@gmail.com

5 Feb: 'A hitchhikers' guide to microbiology for hospital engineers', PHE, Porton Down, Salisbury. NADP Training. T: 01980 612898; Email: nadp.training@phe.gov.uk

13 Feb: Water Management Society conference – 'What will L8 and HSG274 mean to you?', Manor Hotel, Meriden. T: 01827 289558; www.wmsoc.org.uk

4-6 Mar: Ecobuild, ExCeL, London. www.ecobuild.co.uk

15 May: IHEEM Medical Devices Advisory Group seminar, Venue to be confirmed. T: 023 9282 3186; or visit: www.iheem.org.uk/Events

21-22 May: IHEEM Northern Ireland Branch 6th Bi-annual event conference, Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle, County Down. T: 028 90 90329; or email: joanna.dougherty@belfasttrust.hscni.net

7-8 Oct: Healthcare Estates 2014, Manchester Central. T: 023 9282 3186. www.healthcare-estates.com/

12-16 Oct: IFHE Congress 2014 – 'Healthcare facilities in times of radical changes', UCA University, Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires. www.ifhe2014buenosaires.com.ar

New recruit re-locates from Wales

IHEEM's new administration officer, who has recently joined the Institute's head office team, is Jolene Tebbey.

With a background of working for the NHS in Wales, she recently took what she said was 'the major step' of relocating from South Wales to Portsmouth.

She says: "My first impression since starting at IHEEM is that this is an exciting opportunity for my future, and I can't wait to get stuck in. Aside from work, I am a mother of three, with a passion for cake-making and decorating. I also try to get to the football as often as possible, which is a lot easier now that I live in Portsmouth, as I don't have to travel 150 miles to watch my team."



Three new membership categories added

At its meeting in late October, IHEEM's Council agreed to the launch of a number of new membership categories, beginning with the Skilled Person Affiliate (HEJ – October 2013).

Three new categories have now been introduced – Technician, Crafts Person, and Apprentice. All are corporate grades, permitting the use of IHEEM post-nominals, which will be awarded after peer review by the Institute's Membership & Registration Committee.

The Technician category (TIHEEM) has been introduced as part of IHEEM's contribution to the engineering community's drive to increase membership and registration within the country's technician workforce (see also article, pages 18-22). Members awarded this grade will also be eligible for registration as an Engineering Technician, and will be encouraged to aim for this.

The Crafts Person category (CPIHEEM) recognises those technical or trades personnel working in the sector with a minimum level of qualification and appropriate competencies built up through experience. Applicants may previously have felt that Institute membership was not for them.

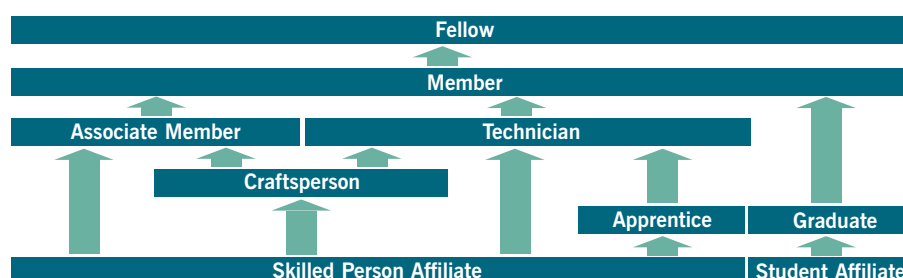


Figure 1: Typical IHEEM Membership progression; entry can be at any point.

The Apprentice category (AIHEEM) supplements the existing Graduate grade, and is designed for those just starting out in their career in the sector, potentially on an approved Apprenticeship scheme.

IHEEM's recruitment/membership manager, Chris Parker, said: "The introduction of these new grades completes the recent review, and by introducing these new categories, we are providing a place for a new range of members within the UK's largest specialist institute for the healthcare estates sector.

"Technical and trades personnel have typically felt excluded from membership, and the benefits it brings. By introducing membership and professional development at an earlier stage in their career, we

expect new members to want to grow their membership as their career progresses. (see Fig. 1). Professional development is all the more important in our competitive sector, and IHEEM is well placed to provide the tools such members need to progress in their career. These membership categories have been competitively priced to encourage application, and I feel that once our new members have seen the benefits of membership, they will recognise the value it brings."

Full details of these new categories, and how to apply, can be found on the IHEEM website (www.iheem.org.uk/membership), or by telephoning the membership department, on 023 9282 3186.