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24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 24th CSA Annual General Meeting & Luncheon was held on Friday 25th April at the Grosvenor Hotel, London SW1, and was attended by a record number of members and guests.

Two awards were presented to Best Student and Most Promising Student.

More details on pages 4 and 5.



THE CSA HAVE MOVED!

Our new address is:

9 Kings Court
Harwood Road
Horsham
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E-mail and telephone remain the same.



CSA VICE CHAIRMAN

The AGM also provided us with the opportunity to introduce and formally welcome Andrew Watkin of Airtech Premier Ltd, to the role of Vice Chairman. In at the deep end, Andrew outlined some of the key objectives for the CSA in 2014/15.



New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Association:

CORPORATE: Prime Environmental Services Ltd, Commtech CME, UAE.
ASSOCIATE: Teckserv LLP.

INDIVIDUAL: Sadiqulla Khan, Shoeb Lashid Khan, Irshad Hussain, Bradley Bonnick, Abou Abousaid, Ahmed Salam, Lee Smith, Edward Colbourn, Allan Salas, Simon Marsh.

INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE: Andrew Pearson.



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Jules' News

Welcome to the Spring 2014 edition of Index. It's been an extremely busy few months organising the AGM and Luncheon and the purchase of new offices and the actual office move which took a considerable amount of time. We didn't realise we had accumulated so much over the years! You will have all received a copy of the Annual Report 2013/2014 and you can see from this that the CSA is moving forward continually, with training, marketing and of course our technical publications. Available to download from our website www.csa.org.uk.

The AGM was very well attended this year and I have received positive feedback from many attendees saying it was professionally presented and informative. Thank you to all those who attended as this shows great support of the CSA!

Lastly, any of you who have not managed to pay your membership fees for 2014 will now be lapsed—so this is your last chance to pay!

Julie Parker – CSA Secretary



TEAM CROSSCOUNT LONDON TO BRIGHTON CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

On Sunday 15th June 2014 five employees of Crosscount Ltd, along with Crosscount MD Neil White's sons and brother-in-law, are taking part in the London to Brighton Charity Cycle Ride and hope to raise a minimum of £1,000 for their chosen charities, the British Heart Foundation and Children With Cancer UK.

Entry into this annual 54 mile ride was the brainchild of Crosscount Commissioning Manager Gary James who has previously undertaken the ride twice and this year plans to cycle back home to Surrey afterwards, making his daily tally in excess of 100 miles!

As for the rest of the team, who are

not such experienced cyclists, we plan to enjoy a couple of well-earned celebratory beers on Brighton sea front after the event whilst our bikes are transported back home in one of our company vehicles.

If you are around on the day look out for us; we will be wearing our corporate cycling kit of red, white and black and if you can spare a few

pounds please sponsor us via our charity page – <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/crosscount>.

All donations, no matter how large or small, will be really gratefully received! We will update you with how we got on in the next edition of Index!

Neil F. White
Managing Director, Crosscount Ltd



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CSA 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON



FRIDAY 25th APRIL 2014
The Grosvenor Hotel, London SW1



The CSA Annual General Meeting and Luncheon was held for the second consecutive year at the Grosvenor Hotel, with a record attendance of members and guests.

The proceedings commenced at 10am with a formal Annual General Meeting presented by Matthew Ward and Andrew Watkin, which highlighted the successes of the past 12 months as well as focussed on plans for 2014/15, the CSAs 25th year of operations.



John Coppin reported that the Technical Sub-Committee have been working tirelessly on the New Commissioning Engineers Compendium which is now in its final stage of completion and will be available to order at the end of the year. Personalised copies with your

Company logo printed on the front cover will also be available on orders of 50 or more. In addition to the compendium, other members of the committee have produced/published a number of new TMs and a GN – details of which can be found on the CSA website.



Paul Brown reported that the Training Sub-Committee have been busy throughout the year working on updating the DLCs, exploring the various software options for online student portfolios and secure online examinations, whilst also expanding collaborations with external organisations.

Paul closed with a plea for volunteers to join the Committee to the CSA to continue to maintain progress with the many initiatives being undertaken at present. Two of the attendees immediately volunteered themselves/one of their engineers to join the committee which was very positive.

Nick Ward, Chairman of Marketing Sub-Committee, reported that they are in the process of refreshing the CSA branding as part of the process to promote the CSA to external organisations, such as consultancies and Main Contractors. *Index* has already undergone a revamp delivering a fresh new look. The MSC

intend to canvass Associate members to supply more technical articles. Corporate and Individual members will also be encouraged to supply technical articles for *Index*. It is also the intention to offer CPD articles in future publications of *Index* to complement the improving membership criteria of the upper Grades.



Conceptual ideas for re-branding



CSA 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON (in pictures)



Our new Vice Chairman with his Airtech Premier colleagues



Committee members Dave Cocksedge and Neil White



The Honorary Table



BSRIA with Guests



Smoothflow Contingent



Ashford's representation



Declan Riley

CSA BEST STUDENT AWARDS

This year's Best Student Award, presented by our Training Sub-Committee Chairman Paul Brown, went to Declan Riley of Crosscount Ltd and a Commendation for "Most Promising Student" was presented to Miguel Angel Blanco Corrales of Commtech Commissioning Services SA, Spain. Congratulations to both of you and we look forward to even more outstanding results next year!



Miguel Angel Blanco Corrales



Chairman's Say

It has been a very busy start to the year for the Association, which has seen a surge in young engineers enrolling onto the DLCs. This appears to reflect the current positivity in the UK construction industry as we see ever more tower cranes across the skyline and hear of increasing numbers of buildings being approved. Clearly, with the reported 'skills shortage' that is due upon us, many companies are positioning themselves to ensure they have the more informed engineers and assistants on-board and accredited for when the economic recovery really takes hold.

The CSA has been equally busy on

many other fronts, such as collaborations with external organisations, which has seen the CSA combine forces with the BCIA and B&ES to deliver a joint event entitled **10-80-10 The Building Services Summit** (see press release below or click on banner for more info).

Elsewhere, all of the committees have been busily progressing with various projects, as reported on page 4, for which they all deserve a huge thanks as they continually volunteer their time to maintain our association.

The first quarter of this year has also seen us welcome our new Vice

Chairman, Andy Watkin of Airtech Premier, along with the move to our new premises, which together promise a new era for the CSA.

All of this culminated in our Annual General Meeting which saw record numbers in attendance to hear our plans for the coming twelve months as the CSA enters its 25th year of operations.

To celebrate this fantastic milestone, we expect to deliver an enhanced event next Spring, with additional awards and greater networking opportunities, so keep an eye on those trade journals and watch this space.

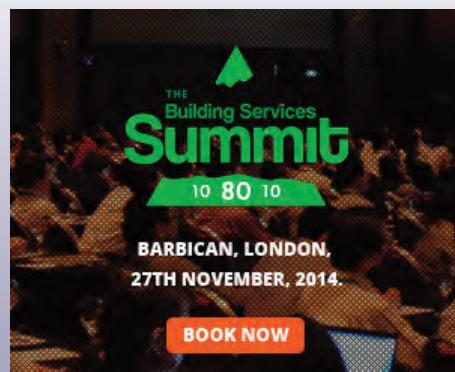
CSA, B&ES AND BCIA CONFIRM JOINT INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

The Commissioning Specialists Association has joined forces with the The Building Controls Industry Association and the Building & Engineering Services Association to develop a pan-industry conference.

The title of the one-day event is **10-80-10 – The Building Services Summit**, and relates to the life cycle of a building, which comprises 10% construction, 80% running costs and 10% disposal.

The focus will be on ensuring that building engineering services operate as effectively and efficiently as possible during the whole life of a building.

"Much emphasis is placed on the capital cost of non-residential buildings, while lifetime costs – including energy use, maintenance and refurbishment – represent around 80% of the total, yet



are too often overlooked," said Terry Sharp, chairman of the BCIA Marketing Working Group.

According to Simon Carter, vice chairman of the B&ES Service & Facilities Group, "Our Association represents the engineers and contractors who deal with the installation, commissioning and maintenance of building services on a daily basis.

"As such, we are able to provide expert advice and guidance to building owners and managers on reducing energy bills and getting the most from

the equipment they have invested in."

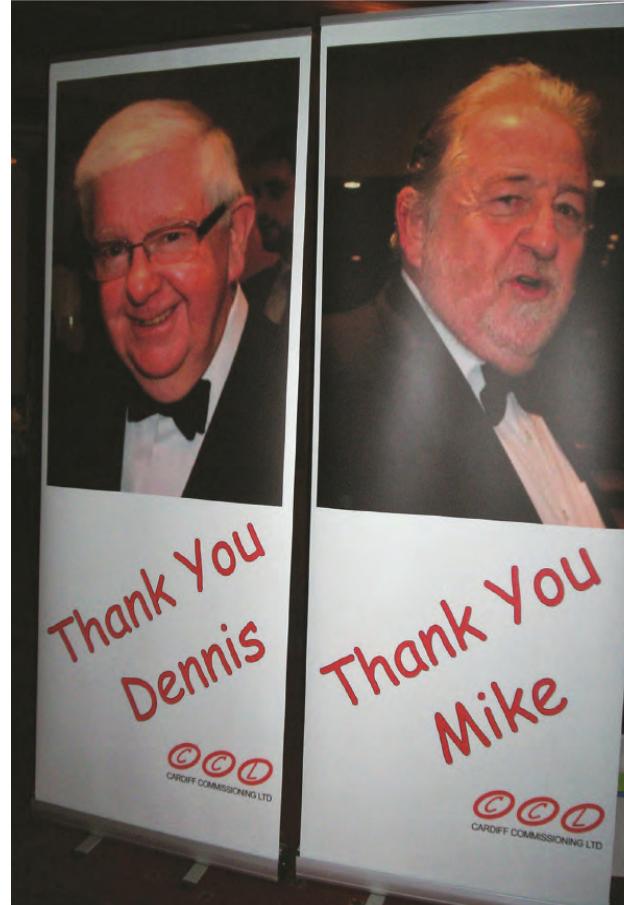
BCIA president Steve Harrison stressed that "working with other organisations is the best way for us to demonstrate that it is by cooperation and holistic thinking that optimum energy efficiency can be achieved".

For Roderick Pettigrew, chief executive of B&ES, "The commercial pressures inherent in the construction process too often encourage all parties to take a short-term view.

"The aim of this conference is to make the whole procurement chain aware of whole-life costing – including energy costs – and so provide clients with best value," he explained.

10-80-10 – The Building Services Summit will take place at the Barbican Centre, London EC2, on Thursday 27 November 2014.

**Matthew Ward – Managing Director
Prime Environmental Services Ltd**



Cardiff Commissioning Ltd proudly celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a very sociable event at the Celtic Manor Resort. Colleagues travelled from throughout the UK for the event, with special appreciation toward two long serving CCL team members who have reached retirement.

CCL celebrated the valued contributions toward our Building Services Engineering Industry of Dennis Irish (Commercial Manager) who has accrued 52 years and Mike Roberts (BMS/Controls Manager) whose trend log displays 49 years.

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