

# EMESP

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

2007/2008

### 1. Introduction

It has been my pleasure to act as your Chairman for a further year and I believe this year has continued to see further consolidation of our core activities which are reported below.

All of our activities continue to try and fulfil our mission to act as a voice for the engineering and scientific community in the East Midlands

### 2. EMESP Promotions

**Prestige Lecture-** the 2007 Lecture continued the highly successful format from previous years and a significant milestone was reached in 2007, being the twentieth anniversary of the Lecture. The 2007 Lecture was entitled "Under the skin of the Bond Car"- the development of an Aston Martin. The lecture was presented by Steve Young, Andy Syvret and Roland Snell from Aston Martin Lagonda. The lecture was organised by the Institution of Structural Engineers and the Institute of Measurement and Control. The venue was the East Midlands Conference Centre and the attendance was in the region of 800. Audience feedback showed continued satisfaction with the event. My thanks to John Parry and his colleagues on the Prestige Lecture committee for all their hard work and of course to all the sponsoring bodies whose contribution is invaluable. My particular thanks to the Structural Engineers for their increased contribution in celebration of their centenary.

**Masters Prize-**the 2008 event took place within the Engineering Education Scheme for Schools day at Henry Ford College at Loughborough University. Seven Universities from the East Midlands region took part and the standard of entries continued the high level established in previous years. The winner of the EMESP Masters Prize was Andrea Tallis from Leicester De Montfort University for her project "Direct Writing of Bio-Ceramics". The whole day was a huge success and the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers attended and met the entrants. My thanks to Ian Treacy and colleagues for their continued dedication to make this event such a huge success, and to the IET for their sponsorship.

**Public Relations-** unfortunately it has not been possible to identify a successor to take over this role and we are indebted to the Institution of Civil Engineers for the continued assistance for the Prestige Lecture by their Communications Executive. Contact has been made with the ETB and the Engineering Council for possible assistance but nothing has been forthcoming to date. This issue will continued to be addressed by the Executive Committee

**Institution's Branch Chairman's Conference-** the 2007 meeting was held at Holme Pierrepont Water Sports Centre on the 13 November 2007 and was well attended with approx. 15 Chairmen et al being present Andrew Ramsey from EC(UK) gave an excellent presentation on Developments in the Engineering Profession followed by a general discussion around this topic. A presentation was also given by our Member John Parsons from the Energy Institute on energy initiatives. My thanks to all present and Mike Welbourne for organising the event

**EMDA Contact-** whenever possible we continue to have a dialogue with the development agency but unfortunately the Masters Prize event fell outside the Agency's time period for their I-Festival activities and therefore did not receive any financial support from them. It is hoped that our energy sub-group, chaired by John Parsons, will produce a report on the energy issues facing the East Midlands for submission to EMDA in the near future.

### 3. Other Activities

**Associate Parliamentary Engineering Group-** EMESP continues to be a Member of this group and whenever possible members attend meetings in London. I am pleased to report that our colleague John Parry was able to represent EMESP at the Annual Dinner

**EMESP Website-** considerable effort has continued over the past year to update the site and this effort has been worthwhile with a much improved format. My thanks to Robin Smith, and the private consultant, for all their hard work.

**Engineering Technology Board/Engineering Council-** EMESP has no longer any direct representation on either of these bodies. The ETB Board now consists mainly of full time staff from the Institutions and we await developments from both of these bodies particularly in regard to activities outside of the London area!

**EMESP Constitution/Business Plan-** at our Regional Committee meeting in January 2008 members approved our revised Constitution which was mainly an exercise in recognizing our name change(EMPEI to EMESP) whilst at the same time rationalising outstanding items.

The Business Plan for the period 2008-2010 was also agreed and this plan reflected more modest targets for EMESP to achieve and some indication of our success is given at Appendix 1 to this report. It is early days yet for really meaningful figures to be shown.

**EMESP Membership-** over the year our membership has remained reasonably stable and we welcome back the Institution of Highways and Transportation. We are always open for new members from the engineering and scientific community. Our financial position continues to remain in a sound position and my thanks to our Treasurer, Derek Cook, for his work over the past year

### 4. Summary

The above is a brief summary of our main activities during the course of 2007/2008. As I have reported on previous occasions, my role would be impossible without the support of yourselves on the Regional Committee, Honorary Officers, the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of Joint Committees for promoting EMESP so positively. I continue to believe that EMESP can play a vital role in promoting the engineering and scientific professions in the East Midlands. I express my best wishes for the future.

**Roy T Briggs  
Chairman  
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