

EMESP

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 January 2009 at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Loughborough University

Present:	R T Briggs	Chairman/Hon. Sec. ICE
	H Butler	IET/IMechE
	D Rhodes	IET/CIBSE
	R Smith	IET
	D Carnell	New. Soc. E/IMechE
	J Parry	Chmn. PLJV / IHT/ICE
	M Jackson	Reg. Dir. ICE
	T Clamp	IMC
	D Cook	Hon. Treas. RAeS
	I Treacy	IED

1. Apologies

W Lord	IStructE
E Daverne	Nottm. Soc. Eng.
M Welbourne	IMechE
J Parsons	Energy Inst.
A Mosedale	IHEEM (post meeting)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

3.0/5.0 Accounts audit- in progress	Action: DC
PL budget for 2008-superceded	
MP-posting on website-done	
11.0 Chairman's meeting-done	
4.0 Website-most hits automatic- likely c.400 seeking information	
5.0 Bank Interest- ongoing	Action: DC
6.0 PR Assistance- not forthcoming from ETB-assistance from SC- ongoing	Action: RB
MP- follow up on past winners- ongoing	Action: DR
Energy Group- see later	
7.0 Emda contacts-MP sponsorship- not available since event falls outside timescale for IFestival	
10.0 EMESP Website-PL update-done	

4. Chairman/Hon. Secretary's Report

Correspondence received:
Emda Newsletter-Autumn edition 2008
Royal Academy Ingenua for September and December 2008
One meeting of the Executive Committee had taken place since the last Regional Committee-all items discussed are on the Agenda.
Chairmen's meeting held on the 24 November 2008 at Holme Pierrepont-well attended-presentation given by Andrew Ramsey-Executive Director (ECUK) followed by discussion on "The Professions". Career Booklets published by EC.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

EMESP funds stand at £15717 which represents the general balance of finance available to EMESP.

Accounts audit for 2007 and 2008 are in progress

Action: DC

6. Reports on:

Public Relations- various avenues continue to be explored to find a PR person for EMESP-Susannah Cherry from ICE has indicated she may be able to offer some assistance for specific projects-awaiting suggested cost basis for this work from SC- a further suggestion has been made that EMESP employ an Admin. Assistant as and when required who may be able to assist with this work-all options will continue to be explored.

Action: RB/Exec. Comm.

Prestige Lecture-2008 Lecture "HMS Astute-the next generation of submarine for the Royal Navy" given by John Hudson of BAE Systems was another success with c600 in attendance at the East Midlands Conference Centre. IT reported that analysis of 205 questionnaires returned showed overwhelming satisfaction with the event and venue. News Release had been issued, uncertain outcome of any publication.

JP spoke to his paper attached to the Agenda re the 2009 Lecture. For some time the dilemma of increasing attendee numbers versus appropriate venues had led to consideration of moving "up market" to the Royal Concert Hall (RCH) in Nottingham. The increased costs of using such a venue could lead to a possible loss of up to £5k.

DR had indicated that since the IET would be responsible for organising the 2009 Lecture it might be possible for the IET to underwrite such a loss. Further investigation however had shown that this proposal was no longer viable. IET had offered all other assistance that may be required. Therefore in order to move to the RCH the need for a guarantor for such a loss was needed and the only possibility was for EMESP to act in this capacity. JP felt that the liability could be between £3-5k assuming the worst case scenario re attendance, sponsorship etc., It was agreed that the Company Astrium, a satellite/space Company be asked to give the Lecture, a possible subject being the Mars Rover.

Following further discussion it was proposed by John Parry and seconded by Ian Treacy that EMESP act as guarantor for any loss and this proposal was unanimously agreed by the Committee. It was also agreed that there would need to be a considerable effort to secure maximum sponsorship including trying to secure government funds.

The continued development of the arrangements would be the responsibility of the PLJV Committee.

Action: PLJV

Masters Prize- IT reported that the 2009 event would take place on the 28 April at the Henry Ford College, Loughborough University and again in collaboration with the "Engineering Education for Schools" day. 28 schools had indicated they would be taking part.

First requests had now gone out to the eight Universities seeking their participation. Professor Peter Whyte from Lincoln University had agreed to join the judging panel.

IT also reported that Peter Rowley from the Energy Institute had offered prize money for energy related topics- it was agreed that the MP format be retained as at present with extra prizes for energy related topics.

Action: IT

Energy Group- Chairman reported he had received copy of an email from John Parsons indicating that since little progress was possible with his Emda contacts, he was now proposing to organise a "mini Prestige Lecture" between the Institutions on this topic **Action: JP**

MJ reported that a Seminar was being held jointly by ICE/RTPI on the 25 February (£80 fee payable) with a visit to Crest in Notts.

7. Emda Contact

IT reported that sponsorship for the MP event would not be forthcoming since it fell outside of their IFestival programme. DR felt he may be able to pursue his contacts.

Action: DR

8. Future Organisation of EMESP

RB spoke to his note attached to the Agenda regarding the succession problem facing EMESP and since some younger members of various Institutions had shown some interest in becoming involved with EMESP this should be encouraged.

It was agreed that EMESP call a meeting to discuss this issue with funding up to £500.

It was suggested that a speaker be asked to give a talk at the same meeting to attract maximum interest- possibly Graham Mulholland.

Action: RB

9. EMESP Website

RS confirmed that it was not possible to load videos on the site due to its restricted capacity. A suggestion had been made that members may wish to use an EMESP email address rather than their own. This was agreed and RS would pursue best option.

Action: RS

10. Any Other Business

No items for discussion.

11. Date of next Meeting

7 May 2009

10 September 2009