



Ref: IMC London section Chairman's letter - 2006

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the Institute of Measurement & Control, London Section, Season of Lectures and events for 2006/2007. I am pleased to report that the enthusiasm from the committee is as strong as ever, and this is apparent from the number of events planned throughout the programme season, including additional Technical Lectures now being organised for the Thames Valley area. The last year has been a particularly busy one, with a significant increase of project work across nearly all of our various industries, things are buoyant, and this has certainly had a positive effect on increased membership within the Institute and attendance at the events organised by the various sections.

**London Section Committee:** Many thanks to all members new and old, for the great support and dynamism which really helps to keep our motivation high and in the generation of new ideas for each successive season. A special word of thanks to Martin Clarke who has finally decided to take a well earned rest from his lengthy role as Programme Secretary (what a superb job he made of it), and to Henry Downs for taking this role on. Thanks to Mike Lepper for the enormous and successful effort he continues to give in his role as social secretary, and to Selwyn Hammond for the continuing success of our annual Exhibitions. Thanks to Gordon Impey for taking up the London Section Webmaster role – more of that later, and finally to Ian Craig, John Higgins and Steve Day for their significant ongoing time and effort into numerous Institute activities.

We have had a good level of response to our open invitation for you to get more involved with the committee and events being run, and truly hope that this trend continues. We look forward to seeing a number of new faces on the committee this year and of course welcome you in whatever capacity to step forward and join in. As I mentioned previously, this is a great body of professionals, a great forum to network and share our diverse experiences and importantly, interface with each other on both a professional and social level.

**Institute membership:** Since last year, the local sections have been setting nominal targets for new members and companion companies, and it's good to report that we are meeting with some success. Membership is a key and integral part of the wider business plan being developed by the Institute, welcome to all of our current, new and prospective members.

**London Section website** ([www.instmc.org.uk](http://www.instmc.org.uk) \ local sections \ London) : It's great news that we now have a webmaster, and look forward to some exciting developments in the London section web page being developed by Gordon Impey, this will be rolled out over the coming months and there will be ample opportunity to feedback your opinions and suggestions as the process moves forward.

**Institute exhibitions:** Following the continued success of our Instrument exhibitions held at various EPC Contractor locations over the past two years, two further exhibitions have been organised for October this year: at Stone & Webster Ltd. Milton Keynes and Foster Wheeler, Reading, many thanks to the companies supporting these events and particularly to Selwyn Hammond for organising them.

**Institute events:** Typically, our Technical Lectures are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Energy Industries Council Offices, Newcombe House, Notting Hill Gate, London (a big thank you to the EIC for extending this hospitality to us). I believe we have another interesting collection of lecture topics to present, and would highlight that light refreshments / wine and sandwiches are provided at these events. The meetings are fairly informal and open to members and non-members alike, duration is kept to about an hour and in keeping with tradition, we usually retire to the Hillgate pub afterwards for a social chat. Attendance continues to be strong and we are conscious of the potential need at some time in the future to consider the logistics of accommodating larger numbers. Many thanks for your support and to the companies and speakers for their time and sponsorship.



This year we will continue to plan additional technical lectures in the 'Thames Valley' catchment area, recognising the continued level of interest from EPC contractors and other companies in the area, and the success of last years lectures held at Foster Wheeler and Snamprogetti. Typically, these lectures will be planned on the basis of success of lectures planned for London, and we look forward to your continued support of these events.

Please find enclosed with this letter the 2006 / 2007 season programme of events, kicking off with:

- The London & Herts annual golf challenge on 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Short AGM followed by our first technical lecture of the season entitled 'Aircraft Collision Avoidance Systems' on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Windsor dinner and dance on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

Many thanks to Dave Marshall who has organised the last few Windsor Dinner events and to Steve Peters who has kindly picked up the mantel this year.

Another key event in the calendar is the Chairman's Bite Nite on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at the 'Guards Museum, London', I'm sure Mike Lepper will maintain his high standard and level of expectation on venue, building on the continued success of this social gathering.

As with all events, we endeavour to notify members and interested parties my email prior to the date, unfortunately, email details for members are incomplete and ever changing, we will therefore invariably miss some of you. If you wish to be added to or removed from the notification distribution list please contact me.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all members and non-members to any of our technical meetings or social events. As ever, a prime objective is for us to improve the service to our local section, so please feedback, get involved and get the most out what the Institute has to offer. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee for further information.

Best Regards,

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