

Celebrating success



2006 was another year of great change for the Institute and again I am indebted to the members of Council and other active members, who have worked so hard to implement the change that

we introduced. I think that most people today would agree that in business we often focus on the negative results and fail to celebrate the successes. Honorary Fellowship is the highest award the Institute can make to a member and at the last Council on 19 January we conferred this honour on seven members. In essence we were celebrating success.

The seven recipients fall into two groups, the first group comprises members who have supported the IMS over many years as Branch and Region officers and have maintained an enthusiasm for our Institute. The second group comprises members who have delivered the IMS Certificate and Diploma over many years and are in positions where they are able to project a professional image of the Institute to organisations. They have over the years introduced many new members to the Institute and we hope that they continue to do so for many more years. It gave me great pleasure to present the Honorary Fellowships and I know from the recipients that it meant a great deal to them.

We start 2007 in really good shape and have reduced our operating costs to almost the minimum possible which bodes well for the future. Elections to Council take place this year and details appear on pages 7 and 8 of this journal. I would urge Corporate Members of the Institute to consider standing for election to the Institutes Council of Management. As a Council member you would be joining a highly effective team that is charged with managing the Institute's affairs and shaping its future.

John Lucey
Chairman

Student of the Year Award 2005/6

We are pleased to announce that the prize for the Student of the Year award for 2005/6 has been awarded, to a delegate who attended the training division of Chinal Management Services, the Harry Mitchell College.

The prizewinner, Ruth Corfield, attended the college during August and September 2005.

Despite the fact that her attendance period coincided with changes to the syllabus for the Institute of Management Services IMS Certificate (a testing period of adjustment for both the college and the delegate), Ruth showed her considerable talent and hard work to an exceptional degree.

Not only was she able to master the principles of the work measurement course, enabling her to pass the theory examination with distinction, she produced an almost flawless result in her practical examination. In a class of 12 delegates of a generally high standard, she was head and shoulders over her classmates in her performance.

She maintained this high standard during her attendance at the college for the newly designed lean methods developer course.

This important ceremony for the presentation of the award to Ruth was carried out by Geoff Mansfield and other members of the IMS Council on Friday 19 January 2007. The Council members congratulated her on

achieving such an exceptionally high standard in her studies. They and the staff at the Harry Mitchell College, wish her well in her career development, safe in the knowledge that her studies should provide an excellent foundation for her future progress.



Honorary Fellows



John Else

John started his working life in production engineering and then became a partner in an

entertainment agency and managed a rock band for a while. John then joined Nottingham Manufacturing in MTM, joined the Institute and passed the IMS examinations. In 1976 he joined Mansfield Brewery as the training manager and was appointed personnel director in 1990. He acknowledges the great influence his management services background has had on his career. Following his retirement in 2000 he continued as a non executive director. During all that time John has given great service to the East Midlands Region and recently published a book entitled the *Alternative Mansfield Brewery*.



Brian Cuthbert

Brian was educated at Morley Grammar School and Leeds University where he studied textile design. Following his national service in the RAF he returned and accepted the responsibility for the introduction of work study. In 1960 he returned to full time education and later joined Arnold & Sons as management services manager. In 1968 he rejoined Leeds College of Commerce and spent the next 20 years with them. During his career Brian has maintained a close relationship with the IMS and has contributed to the development of the IMS examination structure.



Richard Taylor

Prior to becoming MD for Scott Grant, Richard had a great deal of experience in a variety of industries. Over the last 20 years he has supported the IMS in a number of ways, which have contributed to the development of the IMS certificate and diploma programmes. More recently Scott Grant has produced a new DVD for the certificate time study examination, as well as participating in the 'outsourcing' of the examination process. At all times Richard has always maintained a very professional approach and has been a loyal supporter of the IMS.



Bob Fletcher

Bob completed an engineering apprenticeship with Dobson & Barlow and then became a ratefixer with them. After a short

spell in India he took a one year course in education and joined the Cotton Board Productivity Centre. He joined Oldham College of Technology in 1962 and was involved with the IMS exams. He joined the IMS in 1964 and soon became involved with the North West Region. In 1967 he became a senior lecturer in work study at Bolton Institute of Higher Education and remained there until 1985. Bob has had an influence on the career of many IMS members in the North West.



Eugene Chinal

Following a career in the UK, USA and Japanese automotive industries Eugene worked as an operational consultant within the petro chemical sector in the middle and far east and is currently the MD of Chinal Management Services Ltd. For over 30 years he has been involved with the IMS and has served on the IMS Council and several specialist groups. He is involved with training and providing consultancy services to a wide range of businesses, public bodies and governments.



Mike Seaman

Mike Seaman was also awarded Honorary Fellowship, but was unable to attend the presentation due to a long standing work commitment. Mike has been with Scott Grant since it was established and is the training and development director. He has supported the IMS over a long number of years and managed the project to develop a new time study DVD for the certificate course.



Ray Martin

Ray started his career with British rail in 1959, completed his IMS training and undertook a variety of assignments throughout the Western BR region. In 1965 he joined Leicester City Council as a work measurement officer and in 1968 he was promoted and worked in the Borough Architects department on a number of housing projects. In 1970 he joined the London Borough of Enfield (LBE) as the work study manager and later as principal management services officer. In 1990 Ray was appointed head of consultancy services for LBE. During his time in management services he has been involved with the Eastern Region and maintained a great passion for the IMS.

Regional News

North West Region

The 36th Regional AGM took place on 13 January at the Rigby Arms in Writington. The Chairman reported that it had been a quiet but satisfactory year for the Region. He noted the two successful and enjoyable visits, firstly to Robinson's Brewery then to Stonyhurst in the Summer.

The treasurer reported that the Region's activities had been self financing and that we had been left with a substantial surplus.

The election of officers resulted in a number of changes to the board. The composition now comprises:

Chairman	Kevan Kelly
Deputy Chairman	Neil Wilson
Secretary	Harry Hogg
Treasurer	Len Price
Minutes secretary	Frank Booth
PRO	Keith Gowing
Events coordinator	Ian Cooper
Education & Liaison	Bob Fletcher
Council delegate and IMS treasurer	David Blanchflower

The retiring Chairman proffered his thanks to the members for their efforts during the year.

Regarding the 2007 programme, arrangements have been made for a visit to the Reebok Stadium (see notice) and two other proposals are being considered.

Visit to Reebok Stadium, Bolton

(Home of Bolton Wanderers FC)

Tuesday 24 April

Meet at the Superstore at 2.10pm

Guided tour starts at 2.30pm

Cost £2.50pp

To reserve a place, please contact Ian Cooper 01257 42138 or Keith Gowing 0161 962 0367.



Newsflash

Scott-Grant's Student of the Year

Since September 2005 Scott-Grant has trained a wide variety of delegates for the IMS Certificate, both at its training centre in Manchester and at in-company courses. In a review of the first 12 months of running the new syllabus, ie until August 2006, the company nominated Gary McRae as Student of the Year.

A management services officer from Dundee City Council, Gary achieved the highest mark in each of the four modules in the review period. Further details will appear in the next issue.

Website

In order to inform members of current events and other matters which may be of interest, the Eastern Region Board has established a website: www.imseasternregion.co.uk. We hope members will visit the site to contribute ideas and comments to let us know what we can do to make the site even more valuable and relevant for you.

The ER board would like to know if any members would be interested in attending any of the events shown below.

Summer events Cruise on the 'Orwell Lady'

A cruise on the 'Orwell Lady' from Ipswich to Harwich Harbour. Lasting around three and a half hours, journeying down the River Orwell past Pin Mill to the Stour Estuary. The cruise includes the opportunity to see (weather permitting) the UK's largest container port at Felixstowe, Harwich Harbour, and historic Harwich, before returning back up river to Ipswich. (Guide price £12.)

BA London Eye and river cruise experience.

A flight on the the BA London Eye, the world's tallest observation wheel at 135m high. Located on the banks of the River Thames it offers unrivalled views over London. Plus a 40 minute circular cruise on the River Thames with fascinating live commentary presented by trained guides. Highlights include the Houses of Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Suitable for all weathers, the boat has both covered and sun deck seating and is fully wheelchair accessible. Toilets are available onboard. (Guide price £24.)

Autumn event

An early evening meeting at Portcullis House, Westminster on the subject of 'lean management'. An opportunity to learn more about this subject and express your views on its future application. If members are interested it may be possible to arrange an escorted tour of the Houses of Parliament at the conclusion of the meeting.

In order to judge the level of support, prior to making the necessary arrangements to hold these events or if you want any more information, please contact Ray Martin, tel. 020 8366 2445. Email: raymartin@lineone.net as soon as possible.