



## IHIE Scotland

Continuing our series on IHIE Branches.... Campbell Divertie is one of that very engaged and committed team of IHIE members who have made this Branch such a thriving success in recent years. The main key to success he identifies is "the support of the branch members" and the way to achieve that support he says is to have a committee drawn from across the whole area covered by the Branch. Another key, of course, is unremitting attention to ensuring a steady flow of good and relevant events for members to attend. In addition Campbell identifies the importance of holding events in an attractive venue – a nice hotel, for example. Institutional meeting places are "too much like a continuation of the working day, and can put people off".

The way to select good meetings, and to then find good presenters, is to ensure that the technical content is appropriate and interesting, and the full committee needs to be part of the selection and planning process as one person cannot continuously come up with excellent ideas, well executed.

Another useful aspect of the Branch's role is the networking opportunities it provides people with. These have a direct and valuable role in putting members together to share experiences and expertise as new problems arise. The Branch is also an important engine for encouraging members to go for registration or CEng with recently successful registrants offering advice and support. More formal mentoring is also provided, although on a small scale as yet and



Active IHIE Scotland Committee Members on the right and James Nimmo on the left

local reviewers recently helped present at a course for Highland Council.

Campbell sees the Branch as very much the public face of the national organisation, particularly as IHIE's Head Office, (its only office), is in London. (Although this might seem remote, the Scottish representative, Graham Milne, finds that in fact air travel puts it only a couple of hours away).

The South of Scotland committee meetings are usually held to the west of Edinburgh, whereas technical meetings (six each year) are held in locations that favour those coming more from the East and from the West alternately in order to ensure a good turnout.

Locally, members are heavily involved on a number of big projects, including infrastructural enhancements ahead of the Commonwealth Games in 2014, which should make for some interesting meetings.

Last year's highlight though, which managed to combine the Branch's social as well as its technical role, was a much enjoyed visit to the Cheshire Salt Mines.

The Branch also has its own website which is updated regularly and can be used more extensively in conjunction with IHIE's website, which has just been significantly upgraded.

[www.ihie-scotland.org.uk](http://www.ihie-scotland.org.uk)

## Members News

North Western members will be saddened to learn that **Norman Tootell** has died. Norman was an active and very cheerful committee member and branch treasurer in the 1970's/1980's.

**Martin Hemenway** previously with North Yorkshire Police has joined Buchanan Computing where he will focus on AccsMap, the company's accident and case processing system.

**Nick Brown**, an IHIE Honorary Fellow, has moved from MCIA, to become the Director of MAG, the Motorcycle Action Group.

**Simon Rudge** is going from Essex to join TfL's Special Projects Team which handles major events as a Senior Projects Engineer.

IHIE President, **Susan Broadway**, has moved to Mouchel after retiring from Denbighshire.

**Stuart Campbell** is now Site Agent with Barnsley MBC having left Sheffield City.



Hemenway

## New sign structure software

For the first time all the relevant standards and product data needed for traffic sign structures are available in one place.

SignLoad 2 from Buchanan integrates the recently updated versions of the traffic sign and passive safety Eurocodes with wind loading and foundation design standards and product data from the leading UK suppliers of traffic sign components.

Simon Morgan of Buchanan is co-author of the IHIE Sign Structures Guide- which can be downloaded from [www.ihie.org.uk](http://www.ihie.org.uk).

The entry-level version, SignLoad Designer, includes passive safety checks and asymmetrical arrangements of steel posts, and is supplied free of charge by Buchanan Computing. The Professional version, adds Lattix, Jerol and 3M crash friendly supports, the design of spread and planted foundations, and the requirements for sign face stiffening. For maximum economy, all these design stages take account of the actual wind pressure for the location concerned, with the software assisting the selection of this value for any location in the British Isles.

[www.buchanancomputing.co.uk](http://www.buchanancomputing.co.uk)

## Tired of IEng?

Thanks to all who voted in the IHIE poll on the Engineering Council's suggestions for a new title for incorporated engineers.

Nearly half the voters still put IEng as their first choice. Just over 30% of first choices went to Associated Chartered Engineer and 20% of second choices.

Your votes and comments have been reported to the Engineering Council. Watch this space!

## IHIE Annual Meeting 2008

Friday 13 June at University of Bath

AGM: 4.45pm

Discussion: Joy Jefferies, BANES,  
on Traffic in historic towns.

Annual dinner and Ceilidh Band:

Tickets £25.00