



Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Newsletter

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Chairman's Address

Welcome to the 11th issue of the annual PAQS Newsletter. I am pleased to bring you this address and hope that 2006 has been a successful and happy year for you.



2006 has been a busy year for the PAQS organization. The 10th PAQS Congress was held in May in Singapore. It was attended by over 200 delegates/partners and was very successful. PAQS was born in Singapore in 1997 with the first PAQS Congress and we have now turned full circle with our return to Singapore.

During the past decade, PAQS has experienced substantial growth. PAQS began with five member associations and now has a total of eleven member associations making the organization a truly representative body for the quantity surveying profession in the Asia-Pacific region.

In August, I was invited by Professor Yin Yilin of Tianjin University of Science & Technology to deliver a seminar on "Highway Construction Cost Management" to post-graduate students in construction economics and cost management. These Chinese students were very keen to participate in the international arena and viewed the role of PAQS as very important.

In terms of expanding our membership, Mr. Peter Cox (AIQS) visited India in September and had a meeting with the Indian Institute of Surveyors (IIS). The meeting was very fruitful and as a result, I am pleased to hear that the IIS have made a positive response and their Council will consider joining PAQS. I would like to thank Mr. Cox for his tremendous contribution in this regard.

In early November, the HKIS organized a CPD seminar on the "Regeneration of the Japanese Construction Industry" and I was invited as a speaker. The seminar was attended by 70 participants. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the HKIS for taking the initiative to organize the seminar and for inviting me as a speaker.

Next year's Congress will be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 9-13 June 2007. I urge members to support the Congress by attending and submitting papers.

I wish all PAQS members success and good health in 2007.

Mr. Takayoshi Sato, PAQS Chairman

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The PAQS Organisation

PAQS was formed in 1996 and is an international association of national organizations representing Quantity Surveyors in the Asia and Pacific region. As an umbrella organisation for quantity surveying associations in the region, individual membership of PAQS is not available.

The role of the organisation is the promotion of Quantity Surveying and "best practice" in the region, dialogue between member organizations, regional co-operation in the practice of Quantity Surveying, the fostering of research appropriate to the better understanding of building practice in the region and the rendering of assistance to members of member organizations working in each other's countries.

Website

<http://www.paqs.net>

A range of information pertaining to the PAQS organization, its history, membership, awards, research projects, congresses and latest news can be found on this site. It has a photo album of various PAQS events and also has useful links to PAQS member organizations and other international bodies.

Secretariat

PAQS has a policy of rotating the PAQS Secretariat rather than basing the secretariat in one country.

The Building Surveyors' Institute of Japan (BSIJ) is providing the Secretariat for the 2005-07 term and Mr Kenta Fukagawa is the PAQS Secretary. Contact details are shown on the cover page of this newsletter.

All correspondence and requests for information should go through the Secretariat. Contributions, ideas and suggestions are welcome from individual members of PAQS associations.

Past Congress Papers

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2002 Congress Proceedings	AIQS
2003 Congress Proceedings	BSIJ
2004 Congress Proceedings	ASAQS
2005 Congress Proceedings	CECA
2006 Congress Proceedings	SISV

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<http://www.aiqs.com.au>

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<http://www.bsi.or.jp>

Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS)

<http://www.ciqs.org>

China Engineering Cost Association (CECA)

<http://www.ceca.org.cn>

Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)

<http://www.hkis.org.hk>

Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL)

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Inst. of Architects, Engineers & Surveyors (PUJA)

<http://www.puja-brunei.com>

Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM)

<http://www.ism.org.my>

New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS)

<http://www.nziqs.co.nz>

Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV)

<http://www.sisv.org.sg>

Assoc. of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS)

<http://www.asaqs.co.za>

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PAQS Medal

Awarded for Excellence in International Quantity Surveying and represents the highest honour that can be bestowed by the organization.

Service Award

Recognizes outstanding service to international quantity surveying and cost engineering. Recipients must be able to demonstrate a degree of service that exceeds the expectations of their local PAQS member institution.

Academic Award

Recognizes excellence in academic performance that has application or benefit that transcends national boundaries.

Technical Innovation Award

Recognizes excellence in innovation in areas of technique, products, services, teaching, management or the implementation of innovation. Such technical innovations must have an application or benefit that transcends national boundaries.

Potential award recipients must be nominated by peers. Nominations for the 2007 Awards should be sent to your local PAQS member association by March 2007. Nominations should include a one page summary of the nominee's achievements.

2006 Award Recipients

Due to problems with some late nominations for the 2006 awards, the award of the PAQS Medal, Academic Award and Technical Innovation Award were deferred to 2007. However, two Service Awards were presented.

Ms Ma Guizhi (CECA) received the PAQS Service Award for her role in the development of CECA and her collaboration with PAQS. Ms Ma is the Secretary-General of CECA and has a long association with PAQS and has had a very influential role in the development of the Cost Engineering profession in China.



PAQS Chairman Mr. Sato Takayoshi presents the PAQS Service Award to Ms Ma Guizhi (CECA)

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PAQS Chairman Mr. Sato Takayoshi presents the PAQS Service Award to Dato Mohamed bin Gading (ISM)

Dato Mohamed bin Gading was also presented with the PAQS Service Award for his long term involvement with and support of PAQS activities. Dato Gading is the President of the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia and has also been very involved with the ISM and collaboration with other PAQS member associations.

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PAQS University Accreditation

The PAQS University Accreditation Scheme was launched in 2005. This represented a landmark development in the PAQS organisation and will provide greatly improved employment and membership opportunities in the Asia Pacific region for graduates of accredited university courses.

Transitional arrangements have been put in place until the accreditation scheme is fully developed and agreed by PAQS member associations. The current interim accreditation rules comprise a "1 plus 1" system whereby universities in PAQS member countries are eligible for PAQS Accreditation if they have their own national institution's accreditation plus one foreign member accreditation from either the AIQS, HKIS, ISM or SISV.

The criteria for full accreditation under a proposed PAQS panel scheme was discussed in detail during meetings prior to the PAQS Congress. Concerns about maintaining individual country sovereignty of the accreditation of universities in their own countries was addressed and a solution produced which is to be considered by members' Councils and an out of session vote will be taken later in 2006 to confirm the procedures.

University of Technology Sydney – 2nd University to Obtain PAQS Accreditation

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has followed in the footsteps of the University of Melbourne and become the second university to be granted interim PAQS Accreditation for their Bachelor of Construction program. This accreditation was confirmed at the 2006 PAQS Board Meeting in Singapore.

The UTS course is formally accredited by the AIQS, AIB, RICS, CIOB, NZIQS, SISV and now PAQS. The University views PAQS Accreditation as important not only for their students but also for the mobility of the quantity surveying profession in the Asia-Pacific region.

The profession is continuing to increase its importance and influence in the region and it is important that the quality of services is maintained and enhanced and that appropriately qualified professionals are able to work in the region without major hurdles. The PAQS University Accreditation Scheme is a tremendous strategy to facilitate this process.

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10th PAQS Congress Singapore

The 10th PAQS Congress was held in Singapore from 21-24 May 2006. The event was hosted and organised by the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) and marked 10 years since the SISV hosted the first ever PAQS Congress in 1997.

Congratulations to the SISV Organising Committee led by the Committee Chairman Mr Teoh Wooi Sin and Vice-Chairman Mr Eugene Seah for conducting such a professional, friendly and successful event.

Other key members of the committee included Assoc. Prof. Ling Yean Yng Florence, Mr Seah Kwee Yong, Mr Khoo Sze Boon, Mr Lim Keat Heng Raymond, Ms. Teng Sor Hoong Iris, Mr Goh Miah Hong Terence, Mr Wong Hwee Boon Daniel, Mr Lim Cheng Jin, Ms Tan Mui Siang Caroline, Mr Goh Dgan Hong, Mr Tang Ping Keung Edward and Ms Judy Poh. Students from the local universities also did a tremendous job in helping things run smoothly and ensuring that everyone was happy.



Opening Ceremony dignitaries enter the Congress Ballroom

The following commentary on the Congress was provided by the SISV.

The event was held at the newly refurbished Marina Mandarin Hotel and was overwhelmed with a high turnout of over 170 delegates from the various PAQS member countries. The Congress had a theme of “Advancing New Frontiers” and was filled with presentations, plenary and parallel sessions, board and committee meetings and, of course, recreation and good times.

Things kicked off with the PAQS Education Committee Meeting on 20 May followed by the annual PAQS Board Meeting on 21 May. A record number of 43 delegates from PAQS member countries attended the Board Meeting and were involved in making major decisions which could significantly enhance the future of the Quantity Surveying profession in the region.

Following a full day of intense discussions, it was time for the Board Members to let their hair down at the President’s Dinner. Over 60 key members and their spouses took the cable car ride at Mount Faber, a welcome treat for the senses, before adjourning to the Altivo restaurant for a sumptuous buffet.



PAQS Board Members at the President’s Dinner

After a night of rest & relaxation, it was back to the ballroom of the Marina Mandarin Hotel the next morning for the opening ceremony on 22 May. The delegates heard speeches by the Guest-of-Honour, SISV Chairperson and Mayor of the South West District Dr Amy Khor, the PAQS Chairman Mr Takayoshi Sato, SISV QS Division President Mr Seah Choo Meng and Organizing Committee Chairman Mr Teoh Wooi Sin.



Congress Organising Committee Chairman, Mr Teoh Wooi Sin, addresses delegates at the Congress Opening Ceremony

There was also a signing ceremony for the Reciprocity Agreement between the BSIJ and the SISV by Mr Takayoshi Sato and Mr Seah Choo Meng, witnessed by the First Secretary of the Singapore Embassy of Japan, Mr Shoichiro Suzuki and Dr Amy Khor.

Ten plenary and parallel sessions were held over two days with more than 30 papers presented. Keynote speeches were presented by Mr. Steve Williams (RICS President), Dr. Takayoshi Sato (PAQS Chairman), Mr. TT Cheung (Past PAQS Chairman), Mr. Peter Cox (AIQS President), Ms Ma Guizhi (CECA Secretary General) and Mr. Ong See Lian (Past PAQS Chairman and Past ISM President).



A presentation at the Congress



HKIS, CECA & AIQS delegates at the Congress

The conference delegates then had a Theme Dinner cum City Tour on 22 May. It was raining that night but this didn't stop 150 delegates from taking the open-top hippo ride round the city and then to Labrador Park for their sumptuous dinner at The Olive Restaurant.



The CIQS Delegates Get Into the Spirit of the Karaoke Contest at the Olive Restaurant with a rendition of YMCA

What better way to say adieu to our guests than something truly Singaporean - food! The Farewell Dinner was held at the Marina Mandarin Hotel on 23 May and was sponsored by Tiong Seng Contractors (Pte Ltd). Delegates tasted our local culinary skills, while listening to farewell speeches by Mr Seah Choo Meng and Mr Takayoshi Sato.

Tokens of appreciation were presented to the main sponsors of the Congress - Tiong Seng Contractors (Pte Ltd), San Choon Builders Pte Ltd and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).



Members of the very successful PAQS Organising Committee

Mr Seah Choo Meng handed the PAQS flag to Ms Cathy Giddens, President of the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS) as the NZIQS will be hosting the 11th PAQS Congress in Auckland from 9-13 June 2007. The kiwis did a preview of what we could expect there.



Mr. Seah Choo Meng (SISV) hands over the PAQS Flag to Ms Cathy Giddens (NZIQS)

On the final day, 24 May, it was time to unwind with the PAQS Golf Championship amidst the serenity of Ria Bintan Golf Course. 16 golfers displayed their Tiger Woods swings. Nevertheless, there could only be one champion and the title went to Canadian CIQS President Mr. George Evans. With this parting shot, the 10th PAQS Congress concluded with great success.

PAQS Golf Championship 2006

After the success of the inaugural PAQS Golf Championship in 2005 in Dalian, China the second championship was held during the Congress. This tournament is open to all PAQS members and is now an annual event at each PAQS Congress. The following commentary and photos on the event have been provided by **Mr. TT Cheung**, past PAQS Chairman, past HKIS President and avid golfer!

The 2nd PAQS Golf tournament was successfully held on the morning of 24th May 2006 at the beautiful and famous Ria Bintan Golf Club. A total of 16 golfers from 7 member countries participated in the event. Bintan is actually located in Indonesia being an hour's ferry trip from Singapore. Golfers were gently reminded by the organizer to bring their passports when leaving Singapore that morning. As the trip was the first trip to Bintan by most of our golfers, "what's next?" became the theme for the day.

Each of us was given a small yellow plastic bag at the ferry terminal. We did not know what to do with it. Later we found that it was used to cover the hood of our golf bags so that the bags were transported to the right golf course. Next, before we proceeded to the immigration counter, a lady collected all our passports and asked us to pay S\$10 for a day visa. After collecting the money, the lady quickly disappeared together with our passports! We then passed through immigration without getting back our passports and were asked to get on the ferry.



Mr. Sato Takayoshi (PAQS Chairman) & Mr. Ong See Lian (Past PAQS Chairman) on the ferry to the tournament

The Canadian and Japanese golfers started to worry if their passports would be duplicated (as can happen with credit cards) or whether they would get their passports back at all! Thoughts of staying in Indonesia for sometime played on their minds. After we arrived, there was no golf club representative to greet us at the ferry terminal. We did not know which coach to get onto but realized that

there were a few different destinations in Bintan. I am glad to report that we are very good surveyors and we found the way to get on the right coach eventually without losing a single member behind! However, a lot of puzzles remained in our heads until we teed off.

When everybody was ready and eager to tee off, I found no camera man to take a group photo! Also there was no co-ordination with the club house for the preparation of flags for the selected holes for longest drive and closest to pins! Again, as very experienced surveyors cum golfers, we managed to resolve the problem with the Marshall quickly and tee off after a great photo to enjoy our day.



The 2006 contestants for the PAQS Golf Championship

Not long after, when at the 3rd hole and about to tee off with Trevor, Ong and Hanafi, the siren horns. The caddies told us that a thunderstorm was coming and we would need to stop playing and go to the rain shelter to wait. We waited there for more than half an hour hoping the thunderstorm would quickly pass. Disappointingly, no rain eventuated and when we looked at our watches it was already noon time. We decided to head back to the club house for lunch.



Moh Hanafi (PUJA), Trevor Main (AIQS) & TT Cheung (HKIS)

After lunch, we continued the game. We found at some holes, there were signs for "Monkey Zones". It was not a

joke as at the 10th hole some monkeys jumped out from the bushes to grasp our items in the golf carts. Thanks for the caddies who fought the monkeys away. Hey caddy, don't throw our club head covers and water bottles to the monkeys, we still need those! Anyway, it was fun everywhere. The scenery was beautiful, the fairways and greens were excellent and we enjoyed it very much.

I usually like two things after a golf game - a hot shower and a glass of cold beer with friends.



The Contestants enjoy a drink at the 19th hole

After dinner, we announced the following winners for the various prizes:

PAQS Cup Winner &	
Best Stableford	- Mr. George Evans (CIQS)
Best Gross Winner	- Mr Trevor Main (AIQS)
1st Runner up	- Mr. Moh Hanafi (PUJA)
2nd Runner up	- Mr. TT Cheung (HKIS)
Longest Drive (Front 9)	- Mr. TT Cheung (HKIS)
Longest Drive (Back 9)	- Mr. George Evans (CIQS)
Closest to Pin (Hole 2)	- Mr. Mr. Silah Loh (SISV)
Closest to Pin (Hole 9)	- Mr. Low Ah Tai (PUJA)
Closest to Pin (Hole 12)	- Mrs. Joan Maynard (NZIQS)
Closest to Pin (Hole 17)	- Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin (SISV)



The 2006 PAQS Golf Prizes including the prestigious PAQS Cup

There were a few golfers who deserve special mention.

Trevor Main – his nickname was the PAQS Tiger. He retained his title for the Best Gross winner this year. Being one year older seemed to have no impact on his game at all. A tough tiger.

George Evans – a new challenger to the PAQS Tiger who equalled the gross score of Trevor. Next year we will certainly put the two of them in the same group.

Teah Wooi Sin – who demonstrated his great “Teoh Shot” – a very finite pitch with the ball landing a few inches close to the hole. At hole 17, a par 3 of 135m, his closest to the pin shot was only a few inches from the hole! Marvellous Teoh.



Mr. Moh Hanafi tees off

The PAQS Chairman, Mr. Sato-san presented the trophies and prizes to the above winners together with the SISV host, Mr Teoh Wooi Sin, and TT Cheung.

On behalf of the organizers, I would like to thank the sponsors, SISV, BSIJ, HKIS, Mr. Ong See Lian, Mr. Trevor Main, Mr. John Lowry, and Mr. Moh Hanafi Bin Abdul R. I would also like to thank Judy Poh of the SISV for making the arrangements. We all enjoyed the golfing in Bintan.



The PAQS Tiger, Trevor Main (AIQS), tees off.

PAQS Annual Meeting 2006

The PAQS Annual Board Meeting preceded the Congress and was attended by delegates from most of the PAQS member associations. The meeting was chaired by the PAQS Chairman, Mr. Sato Takayoshi. The main issues discussed and resolutions made are outlined below.

PAQS Office Bearers

The PAQS office bearers for the 2005-2007 period remained as follows:

Chairman	Mr. Takayoshi Sato (BSIJ)
Outgoing Chairman	Mr. Ong See Lian (ISM))
1st Vice Chairman	Mr. Trevor Main (AIQS)
2nd Vice Chairman	Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin (SISV)
Secretary	Mr Kenta Fukagawa (BSIJ)
Treasurer	Mr. Terry Sanders (AIQS)

Australasian Journal of Construction Economics & Building

The Board discussed the need for a refereed technical journal to assist in the exchange and publication of research information and to maintain the body of knowledge which is essential for the development of the profession in the region. The AIQS proposed the possibility of renaming the existing “Australian Journal of Construction Economics & Building” (AJCEB) to the “**Australasian Journal of Construction Economics & Building**”. The current journal already has an international focus with many international referees and contributors with most of these from PAQS member countries.

The PAQS Board accepted this proposal and thanked the AIQS and the Australian Institute of Building for making this offer to amalgamate the journal with PAQS. Member associations who adopt the journal will have their name and logo included in the publication and will be able to appoint a suitable member to the journal’s Management Committee. Hardcopies of the journal will be made available to PAQS member associations at cost price and electronic copies will be provided for these associations to place on their websites with access restricted to members via password protection.

RICS Measurement Project

The Board discussed the new RICS project to develop an International Standard Method of Measurement and Cost Management Manual for international use. At the time of the meeting, most PAQS member associations had not been consulted about the project. However, support was generally agreed as long as the intention was not to supplant local SMM and cost management systems/manuals.



Delegates at the PAQS Annual Board Meeting 2006

PAQS Strategic Directions

Mr. TT Cheung, Past PAQS Chairman and HKIS President, presented a report on the future strategic directions of PAQS. The organisation is now ten years old and the Board agreed that it was time to develop some long term plans to ensure the sustainability of the organisation.

Issues discussed included university accreditation, research, international relations, membership fees, advisory services, creation of a young members group and general public relations. Very fruitful discussion ensued and plans are on board to take ideas generated to the next step. Mr. TT Cheung was appointed as Chair of the new PAQS Committee on Strategic Directions.

PAQS Promotional Materials

A PAQS Information Brochure was proposed at the meeting to assist in raising awareness and understanding of the organisation. This was approved and the brochure will be produced in the near future



Delegates at the PAQS Annual Board Meeting 2006

Education/Accreditation Committee

The PAQS Education & Accreditation Committee met on the day prior to the Board meeting. A report was presented by CECA on Quantity Surveying/Cost Engineering education in China and detailed discussions were held on the further development of the University Accreditation Scheme. The committee established criteria for establishing the accreditation scheme using a PAQS panel of representatives which was discussed the next day at the Board Meeting. It was resolved that an out of session vote would be held by the end of the year to enable member associations to discuss the scheme with their executive councils. The committee recommended interim PAQS accreditation for the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) which was approved at the Board Meeting.

Research Committee

The PAQS Research Committee also met during the Congress with committee chairman Mr. John Lowry (AIQS) presiding over the meeting. The PAQS Board has approved the development of the PAQS Research Committee proposal to establish a webpage and discussion forum. This facility will be used to present and discuss the various research projects being undertaken in the name of PAQS. The two main research projects at the moment are the "Major Construction Works Contracts" project by Dr. Ellen Lau of the HKIS and the "QS Services" project conducted by Dr. Peter Smith of the AIQS. The Research Committee meeting was very well attended and the mix of experienced industry practitioners and academics augers well for future PAQS research. This mix will help to ensure that the research is relevant to the profession's needs and also provides many opportunities for obtaining external research funding through this international industry/academia collaboration.

Members' Business Register

The PAQS Members' Business Register will be reprinted in 2006/07. The Register comprises a list of Quantity Surveying firms within the PAQS region who have applied for inclusion in the register and are considered by the PAQS Board to provide suitable standards of professional service. Firms are encouraged to apply for inclusion in the register through their national association.



The BSIJ Karaoke Team



PAQS Board Members & Partners at the President's Dinner



Karaoke by the SISV Congress Organising Committee at the President's Dinner

Future Congresses

PAQS Congresses have been held on an annual rotation basis since 1997 as follows:

1997	Singapore
1998	New Zealand (Queenstown)
1999	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)
2000	Australia (Cairns)
2001	Hong Kong and Beijing
2002	Australia (Melbourne - in conjunction with the ICEC World Congress)
2003	Japan
2004	South Africa (Cape Town) in conjunction with the ICEC World Congress
2005	China (Dalian)
2006	Singapore

Future Congresses will be held as follows:

2007	New Zealand (Auckland)
2008	Canada (Edmonton)

ICEC Region IV Board Meeting 2006

The International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) held its Region 4 Board meeting at the conclusion of the PAQS Board meeting. Like PAQS, ICEC is an association of professional cost management organisations. The bodies are not in competition but rather mutually supportive of each other's objectives of expanding the cost management cause around the globe. Membership of ICEC is now extensive and is indicative of the tremendous international growth of cost management associations. The meeting was chaired by the ICEC Region 4 Director, Mr. TT Cheung.

ICEC World Congress 2006

The 5th ICEC World Congress was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia from April 23-26 2006. The Congress was well attended by quantity surveyors and cost engineers from around the world. The Congress was preceded by the ICEC Board Meeting. This saw a change in the ICEC Executive Council for the 2006-2008 period as follows:

Chairman	Ginette B. Basak, Canada
Immed. Past Chairman	Prof Basie Verster, Sth Africa
Senior Vice Chairman	Peter M. Cox, Australia
Admin. Vice Chairman	Murtala Oladapo, Nigeria
Admin. Vice Chairman	Carsten Wredstrom, Denmark
Tech. Vice Chairman	Mahendra Bhatia, Canada
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Director Region 1	John Hollman, USA
Director Region 2	Rob van Hoeve, Netherlands
Director Region 3	Kwado H Osei-Asante, Ghana
Director Region 4	TT Cheung, Hong Kong

Dr. Kenneth Humphreys

The Slovenia Congress saw Dr. Kenneth Humphreys step down as ICEC Secretary Treasurer after holding this position since the inception of ICEC in 1976. Dr. Humphreys is rightly referred to as Mr. ICEC after his leading role in the establishment of the organisation



Dr. Kenneth Humphreys

and then 30 years of service in the key role of Secretary Treasurer. Words cannot adequately describe the enormous contribution that Dr. Humphreys has made for the Quantity Surveying/Cost Engineering profession during this period. Testament to his contribution is the fact that ICEC now comprises professional cost management associations from 44 countries and represents over 100,000 cost management professionals from over 120 different nations. Dr. Humphreys has also been a very strong supporter of the PAQS organisation and all PAQS Board members would like to extend their thanks and best wishes to Dr. Humphreys.

ICEC Distinguished International Fellow Award to Mr. Edward Tang

Mr Edward Tang of the SISV was awarded the "ICEC Distinguished International Fellow" Award at the ICEC World Congress. This prestigious international award recognises the valuable contribution Edward has made to the international quantity surveying community. The PAQS Board extend their congratulations to Edward.



Mr. Edward Tang

ICEC Appointed to UN NGO Roster

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) recently granted Roster consultative status to ICEC. This appointment is the cumulation of a number of years work by the ICEC Human Settlements Working Group, and in particular it's Chair, Murtala Oladapo, and ICEC Past Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Kenneth Humphreys. Their efforts in achieving this significant milestone for ICEC are much appreciated.

The Roster lists non-government organisations (NGOs), often with a technical focus, which the ECOSOC or the UN Secretary-General considers can make "occasional and useful contributions to the work of the Council or its subsidiary bodies". Non-governmental organizations in general consultative status, special consultative status and on the Roster, that express their wish to attend the relevant international conferences convened by the United Nations and the meetings of the preparatory bodies of the said conferences, shall as a rule be accredited for participation. Members of the Roster are required to submit a brief report every four years to ECOSOC outlining it's activities in the preceding period, with particular reference to their contribution to the work of the United Nations.

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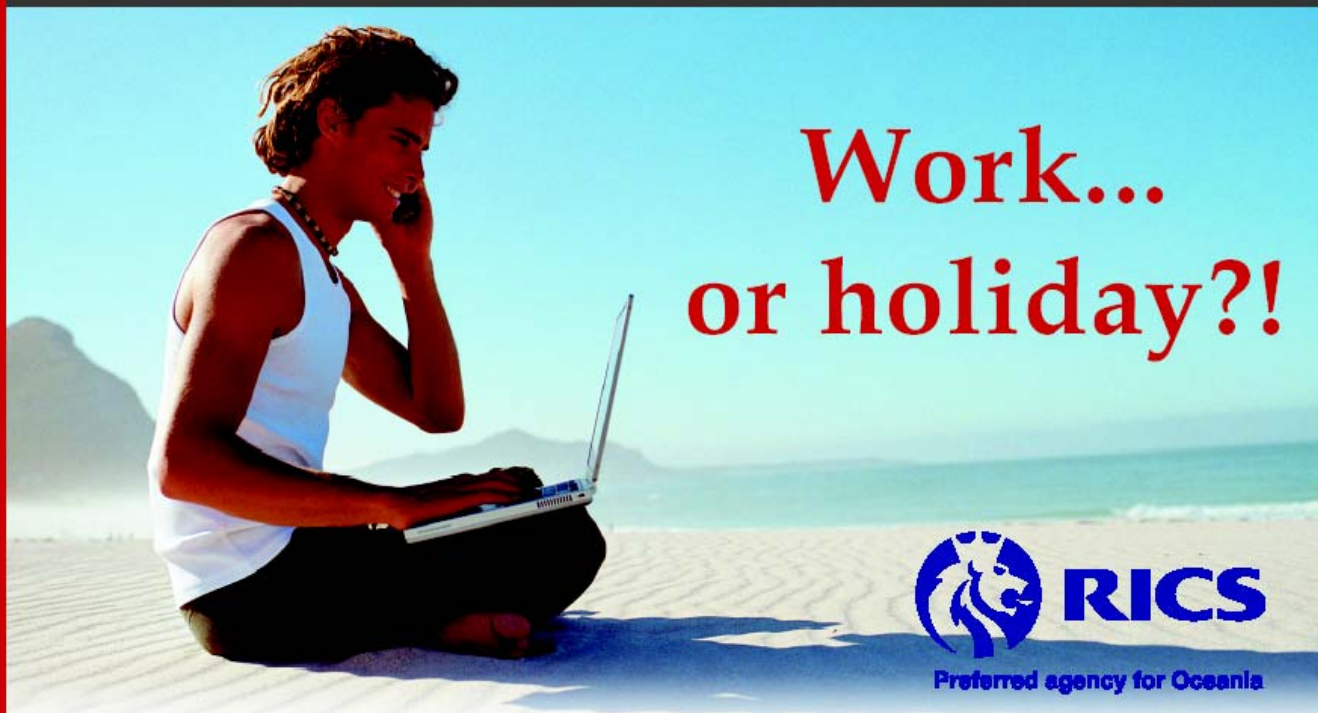


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Global Trends in Membership

The membership of the AIQS continues a healthy growth with the membership structure now reflecting the recognition of the AIQS internationally and the increasingly global nature of the profession. Over 30% of AIQS members now reside outside of Australia.

New Communications and Marketing Plans

The AIQS has recently completed a major market research project to help produce new communications and marketing strategies aimed at "Raising the Profile" of the QS profession. The independent research included surveys of current and potential AIQS members, focus groups with members and interviews with QS clients and potential clients. The project was conducted by Andrews Marketing Group and reports tabled to the May and October AIQS National Council meetings in 2006.

From the research and subsequent marketing committee workshops, a draft communications strategy was developed and a marketing implementation plan is being developed. For the marketing committee's two workshops, we invited both our young QS and female QS to ensure that we had a balanced view of the way forward in our marketing plans.

Some of the major points to come out of the research were that generally the industry respected and valued the QS professional, however, they also felt that more needed to be done to increase the accountability of the QS.

Basically, the research showed that there were both internal professional issues that could be addressed by the Institute, which could then be used in external promotional campaigns to market the QS and "Raise the Profile".

The AIQS National Council has recently approved the employment of a Marketing Manager to assist in this process and implementation of the communications and marketing plans.

QS Career DVD

In keeping with the AIQS marketing strategies, an excellent new QS Career DVD has been produced by the AIQS ACT Chapter and will be widely used around the country to market the profession to high school students. Copies of the DVD will also be provided to school career advisers around the country.

Review of the Australian Standard Method of Measurement

The AIQS National Council has reaffirmed its earlier decision to conduct a review of the ASMM Edition 5 with a view of publishing a revision in due course. As part of the review all stake holders in the SMM are being asked to contribute their input to the process. The review will also consider the recommendations from the recently completed Joint AIQS/RICS Research Project on Australian and Other National SMMs. A paper on this research is to be published in the Australasian Journal of Construction Economics & Building in 2007.

Guidelines for QS conducting Feasibility Studies

The AIQS has recently published the 5th volume of the Australian Cost Management Manuals titled "Feasibility Study Guidelines". This 62 page A4 size publication covers such topics as: Definitions and Benefits of Feasibility Studies, Feasibility Study Principles, Pre Design and Design Feasibility Study Procedures, Evaluation and Alternatives, and Checklists and Sequences of activities. It also includes a Bibliography and Glossary of Terms



AIQS & NZIQS Delegates at the PAQS Chairman's Dinner

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The CIQS

The CIQS is the national association of quantity surveyors in Canada with affiliated associations in Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec. Members of the CIQS can be identified by the designatory letters PQS (Professional Quantity Surveyor) and the French equivalent of Économiste en Construction Agréé with the initials ECA. In addition, the Institute provides designations to its members in the construction industry as Construction Estimator Certified (CEC), and the French equivalent Estimateur en Construction Certifié (ECC). Mr. Clint Kissoon was recently elected as the new President taking over from Mr George Evans.



CIQS delegates Mr. Kint Klissoon & Mr. Graeme Alston at the PAQS Congress

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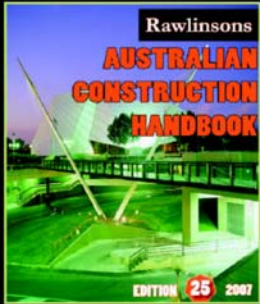
The CIQS are pleased to announce that approval was given at the PAQS Board Meeting in Singapore for the CIQS to hold the PAQS Congress in 2008. Although early in the planning stages, the Congress will be held from 14-18 June 2008 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. The ICEC World Congress will also be held in Canada shortly after the PAQS Congress in Toronto from June 29 – 2 July 2008. This Congress will be held in conjunction with the Annual AACE International Annual Meeting. Plans are currently being examined to provide a link between these two Congresses in the form of tours and meetings to maximise the benefits of attending both congresses. Enquiries can be made via email to: dagny@thedagnypartnership.com

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CECA & HKIS Reciprocity Agreement

The Reciprocity Agreement between CECA and the HKIS is now being put into effect. A Training and Assessment Program was organised in late November 2005 at Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. All candidates were required to attend a two day orientation training program following by a one hour professional interview conducted by a panel comprising 2-3 senior members of the institutions. After satisfying the interview, 173 HKIS members were awarded China Registered Cost Engineer Certificates and become Qualified Cost Engineers in China. Meanwhile, 197 CECA members were awarded the HKIS Certificate and became members of the HKIS.



Signing of the 2005 CECA/HKIS Reciprocity Agreement



Signing ceremony for the CECA/HKIS Training Program

Cost Management Research Projects

A number of research projects have been jointly funded by the Ministry of Construction (MOC) and CECA. During 2005-2006, several famous local universities, including TianJin University, TongJi University, North-East Financial and Economic University, and TianJin University of Technology, undertook five MOC research projects. The project titles are: i) Construction Bidding Documents and Cost Management Classes in the National Standard Contract Documents, ii) Competing Bid Choices for local construction projects, iii) Variation and Payment Clauses in local construction projects, iv) Core Competency Standards for the Chinese Qualified Cost Engineer, and v) Total life cycle cost management models for local construction projects. These projects aim at providing valuable information and strategic advice to local government departments and regional institutions, while at the same time promoting the development of the local cost management profession.

New Operating Rules & Standards

In order to eliminate and minimize the terminological confusion and differences in operating rules and regulations in different regions of China, CECA has decided to establish operating rules and standards. Three new Professional Standards have currently been produced: i) Standard Method of Measurement in the Cost Planning Stage, 1st Ed., ii) Standard Method of Measurement in the Estimating Stage, 1st Ed., iii) Standard Method of Measurement in the Final Account Stage, 1st Ed. These new standards will provide the basis for the cost management and pricing of building works in China.

ICEC Visit to CECA in Beijing

On 26th October 2006, CECA's President Ms. Zhang Yunkuan and Secretary General Ms. Ma Guizhi met with Mr. Peter Smith, ICEC Secretary and Mr. TT Cheung, President of HKIS and ICEC Director (Region 4) at CECA's headquarters in Beijing. Discussion was held on many issues of mutual interest including CECA applying for membership of ICEC. The parties agreed to develop closer relationships and communication for mutual benefit.



ICEC & CECA delegates/representatives at the meeting.

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Mainland China & Hong Kong Closer Economics Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

The CEPA IV agreement signed by the HKSAR and Central People's Government on 27 June 2006 allows Hong Kong services suppliers to set up wholly-owned construction engineering cost consulting enterprises (CECCE) in the Mainland. When applying for CECCE qualification, the performance of the Hong Kong service suppliers in both Hong Kong and the Mainland is taken into account when assessing their qualification in the Mainland.

A meeting was held with the ETWB of the HKSAR Government on 8 November 2006 in order to understand and facilitate the relevant arrangement. The meeting was attended by representatives from most QS firms, including WTP, Widnell, Beria, L&B, DLS, Northcroft and Brechin. During the meeting, discussion was held on key issues such as how to register a QS firm under CEPA and whether the firm can be directly registered as a Grade A firm. All in all, the meeting was useful for ETWB to understand the difficulties in a firm's registration under the framework of CEPA.

9th MOC Meeting on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications

The QSD council is eager to resolve the long-lasting issue on registration of individual members in the Mainland in the forthcoming 9th MOC Meeting on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification to be held in Beijing late in 2006. The HKIS hopes that a simplified registration form (or system) can be sorted out before long.

Visit by the Ministry of Construction (MOC) China

A delegation of top Mainland government officials, led by the Deputy Minister of Construction, Liu Zhi-Feng, visited the HKIS on the 3 November 2006. The meeting was attended by the HKIS President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President, QSD Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and other council chairman and members.

The Deputy Minister of Construction introduced the various MOC departments, their respective roles and duties and suggested that there should be more exchanges between both parties. HKIS expressed that while various reciprocity agreements had been signed with counterparts in the Mainland, our members are still not able to register under the current statutory registration system. It is our wish that these difficulties can be resolved in due course.

Visit by the RICS

Michael Sullivan, the Vice-Chairman of the QS and Construction Faculty of RICS, visited the HKIS QSD on 2 November 2006. Dr. Paul Ho (Chairman), Sam Cheng, (Immediate Past Chairman), Stephen Lai (Honorary Secretary), and Y M Lee attended the meeting, during which views were exchanged on the latest quantity surveying practices. The HKIS were invited to join the RICS working group on measurement initiatives linking the SMM, cost planning, shorter bills of quantities, full bills of quantities and whole life costing.

Visit by the BSIJ

Dr. Takayoshi Sato, PAQS Chairman and Council Member of the BSIJ visited the HKIS QSD Division on 6 November to further discuss the reciprocity agreement between HKIS(QS) and BSIJ. More than 10 QSD council members attended the meeting and learnt more about the BSIJ and their classification/ranking of membership. Dr Sato also delivered a CPD seminar entitled "Regeneration of the Construction Industry in Japan" to the general HKIS members. Over 70 members attended this CPD seminar.

Visit by Guangdong Cost Engineering Association

A team of senior Guangdong Province delegates, led by Liao Jingshan, Deputy Director General of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, visited the HKIS QS Division on 20 September 2006. The CEPA Agreement was discussed and views were exchanged on various matters of mutual interest.

Visit by ICEC

The ICEC Administrative Manager, Ms Robyne Nash visited the HKIS on 24 February 2006. This was a fruitful meeting where the HKIS was able to gain a greater understanding of the role of ICEC. Discussion focused on how ICEC can benefit HKIS members.

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BSIJ's 30th Anniversary Convention

A commemorative convention for the BSIJ's 30th anniversary was held at Tokyo Prince Park Tower Hotel on June 17/18 this year. The theme of the convention was "Building Up Cost Management Skills for the Contribution to Society". It also marked the celebration of the establishment of a professional competency certification program for "Qualified Building Cost Managers" in Japan.

The convention had two major keynote topics - "Quantity Surveying and the Need for Change" and "What Does a Society Expect from Qualified Building Cost Managers". The first topic was delivered as a keynote address by Dr. Yoshichika Uchida, Professor Emeritus of Tokyo University. The second topic was delivered as a panel discussion led by PAQS Chairman, Dr. Takayoshi Sato.



Panel discussion at the BSIJ 30th Anniversary Convention

An exhibition was also held during the convention on the topic of "BSIJ Challenges". At the exhibition, booths were set up for the "Qualified Building Cost Manager" program, the CPD program which complements the Qualified Building Cost Manager curriculum, "Quantity Surveying and IT" and "International Exchanges by the BSIJ".

The exhibition provided a good opportunity to showcase the step by step progress of the BSIJ's future plans. The "Quantity Surveying and IT" booth which demonstrated leading edge IT applications for quantity surveying was particularly popular.

Reciprocity Agreement between SISV and BSIJ

The BSIJ and the SISV signed a "Reciprocity Agreement" on 21 May 2006 which allows the members of both professional bodies to be recognized as experts in Quantity Surveying. This event was held at the opening ceremony at the 10th PAQS congress in Singapore in the presence of the SISV president, Dr. Amy Khor, and the first secretary of the Japanese embassy in Singapore, Mr. Shouichiro Suzuki.



Mr. Seah Choo Meng (SISV) and Dr. Takayoshi Sato (BSIJ) sign the BSIJ/SISV Reciprocity Agreement

The Establishment of a "Qualified Building Cost Manager" Certification Program

The purpose of the newly established professional competency certification program for "Qualified Building Cost Managers" is to train technical experts who have expertise in quantity surveying practice. The objective is to raise the quality and independence of cost management practice to reduce the number of problems relating to cost overruns on architectural /building production. By raising the quality and standing of the cost management professional, it is hoped that this program will see the elevation of the status of the quantity surveyor in Japanese society.

The Establishment of a New BSIJ CPD program

A new CPD program developed by the BSIJ commenced operation on 1 October 2006. The CPD program covers a 5 year term with a total of 250 credits, 50 credits per year. Credit points can be achieved through attendance at seminars, lectures, self study and work achievements. The accreditation is based on a system of self declaration.

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Membership

As at April 2006, membership of the ISM numbers 4,245. This comprises the following breakdown: Land Surveyors (1,019), Property Consultants/Valuation Surveyors (977), Quantity Surveyors (2,045) and Building Surveyors (232).

Standard Methods of Measurement

Having published the SMM2 in 2000, the ISM QS Division has nearly completed the preliminary draft of the SMM3 tabulated version which caters for computerised coding and digitised CAD measurements. The ISM is also involved with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) in drafting the Guide Book on the use of the Malaysian Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement (CESMM).

Dialogue With Government Departments

The ISM continues to be highly regarded by the Malaysian government and has been very active in dialogue/meetings with various government departments. These meetings included discussions with the Attorney General, the Department of Royal Customs and Excise of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of International Trade and Industries, the Malaysian Industries Development Authority, the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and the Department of Health and Safety.

Partnering With Universities

The ISM has signed Memorandums of Understanding with five local universities to work in collaboration on various higher educational and professional activities that will be of mutual benefit. Examples include conducting industry research, refereeing research papers and mentoring pre/post university graduates.

Congresses

The ISM conducted two national congresses in 2006. The first was the ISM 8th Surveyors Congress from 14-16 June 2006 at the Istana Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. The theme of the congress was "Realising Visions". The next was the QS National Convention from 4-5 September 2006 held at the Sheraton Subang Hotel, Petaling Jaya. The theme was "Leading Through Innovation".

CPD Seminars

The ISM continues to be very active in the delivery of CPD seminars for its members. Seminar topics have included QS Software Awareness, the Bahrain International Formula One Racing Circuit Project, the Psychology of Crimes and the Physical/Electronic Design of Secured Homes, Is China a Difficult Country to Conduct Business – A QS Perspective and What Your Employer Looks For in a Registered Quantity Surveyor



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Membership

Membership of the NZIQS has risen substantially in recent years with a 25% increase in membership numbers since 2003 after a decade of reducing numbers. There are now a total of 1030 members (including student members). The term 'Registered Quantity Surveyor' used in New Zealand is now the intellectual property of the NZIQS (through trademark protection).

New Zealand Construction Industry Council

The NZIQS is a founding member of the New Zealand Construction Industry Council (CIC), which represents 27 major institutes and organisations directly involved in construction in New Zealand. The CIC is recognised as the single most representative body of the industry and regularly engages with the New Zealand government to provide advice on legislation and regulations affecting the industry. The NZIQS has supported the CIC in producing several documents including Design and Documentation Guidelines, a Discussion Document followed by a Principles Document for Best Practice in Procurement and a Construction Health and Safety paper for industry guidance. Further information about the CIC can be found at <http://www.nzcic.org.nz>.

Quantity Surveying Shortage

There is a shortage of experienced Quantity Surveyors (along with several other construction professionals and trades) in New Zealand due to a strong increase in residential and commercial construction and infrastructure projects in the past three years following a very lean period during the 1990s. Although construction building consent values and work have increased annually for four years the rate of residential building this year appears to be slowing although the value still exceeds any year previous to 2000.

Marketing Program

The NZIQS have embarked on a marketing program to promote a career in quantity surveying to secondary and tertiary students. A new promotional video/DVD is currently being prepared through funding by the NZIQS and should be available in 2007.

Student Mentoring Program

A significant new and unique venture is a formal NZIQS student mentoring scheme. After initial national agreement, the scheme is managed by an NZIQS Branch Board and a partner QS qualification provider. The scheme matches a volunteer student with an experienced NZIQS member for a year as part of a structured mentor program. The NZIQS also funds 11 student awards annually.

Legislative Changes

The NZ building scene has experienced significant legislative changes in the past three years with the introduction of a new Building Act and a Construction Contracts Act, a review of the national Building Code, a review of all national construction standards and progress towards a builder licensing scheme. The latter will introduce licensing for seven trades, designers, engineers and site supervisors. An issue still to be addressed is professional indemnity.

RICS

A recent survey of NZIQS members showed that although reciprocity with the RICS is desired there is no mandate for more drastic action. The NZIQS will explore a memorandum of understanding and joint CPD events in New Zealand with the RICS.

PAQS Congress 2007

The eleventh PAQS Congress and Annual Board Meeting will be hosted by the NZIQS in Auckland between 9–13 June 2007. Further details can be found on the following website - <http://www.paqs2007nz.com>



**The NZIQS announce details of the 2007 PAQS Congress
at the PAQS Singapore Congress**

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PAQS Congress 2006

The SISV would like to thank the PAQS Organising Committee and all others who helped to provide a great team effort in ensuring a very successful event. Congratulations to the Organising Committee Chairman, Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin and his team.

ICEC World Congress 2006

The 1st ICEC & IPMA Joint Global Congress was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia in April 2006. SISV delegates at the Congress were Mr Goh Ngan Hong, Mr Seah Kwee Yong and Ms Iris Teng.

The theme of the congress was Value Management and gurus from around the world shared their in-depth knowledge and expertise on how project stakeholders (both external customers and internal stakeholders) could impart their Corporate Management values (corporate plans & strategies) over the Project Management team (responsible for delivering the product in return). These values include Corporate Mission Strategic Plans, Balanced Score Cards and Analysis on Risk and Earned Value on Ventured Capital. Mr Seah spoke on the "Impact of Corporate Governance on Project Management" while Mr Goh shared his research findings on "Construction Project Risk Identification".

During the ICEC Board Meeting that preceded the Congress, the SISV bid for Singapore to host the 2010 World Congress with provisional approval granted. The final confirmation will be resolved at the 2008 ICEC world congress to be held in Toronto.

The SISV are very proud to announce that Mr Edward Tang of the SISV was awarded the "ICEC Distinguished International Fellow" Award. This is a very prestigious international award and is just recognition of the valuable contribution Edward has made to the international quantity surveying community. Mr Goh received the award on his behalf.



Mr Goh Ngan Hong receives the ICEC Distinguished International Fellow (DIF) Award on behalf of Mr. Edward Tang from the outgoing ICEC Chairman Professor Basie Verster

ICEC Accreditation of SISV CPD Program

The ICEC Certification and Accreditation Committee has certified the SISV's Continuing Professional Development program. The SISV's program has been added to the list of certified programs on the ICEC web site (<http://www.icoste.org/accresd.htm>). SISV members who successfully complete the CPD program will be able to use the post-nominal ICECA and the ICEC logo on their letterheads. More information on the correct use of the post-nominal and logo can be found on the ICEC website.

Reciprocity Agreements

The SISV now has reciprocity agreements with the AIQS, HKIS, NZIQS and RICS which allow mutual recognition of corporate members practicing in the respective countries. Corporate Members of AIQS, HKIS, NZIQS and RICS, who have attained one year local working experience, can apply to become SISV members subject to passing an APC interview. The SISV has issued a professional stamp to all qualified quantity surveyors, who are members or fellows, which allows them to practice as a professional quantity surveyor.

Strategic Development Committee

The SISV has set up a Strategic Development Committee to look into the changing role of the quantity surveying profession and the sustainability of quantity surveying practice. The Committee has identified the key areas of concern such as the changing requirements and expectations of the quantity surveying profession and difficulties faced in attracting good students to join the profession and then remain in the profession. A paper has been completed by the Committee to establish and chart out the immediate and future directions of the SISV within the next 5-10 years. Implementation measures have also been identified to promote, improve and upgrade the profession and to make quantity surveying a "profession of choice".

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Membership Increase

As at 30th April 2006, total membership of the IQSSL has increased to 750 (from 621 in December 2004).

Boards of Management

Following the last Annual General Meeting, the IQSSL formulated a number of new boards to carry out its various activities. These boards are the Board of Quantity Surveying Education, the Professional Affairs Board, the Membership Affairs Board, the Board of Quantity Surveying Publications and the Board of Management. All board chairmen are council members of the Institute. Each board is given a Terms of Reference approved by the executive council and their progress reported monthly in the executive council meetings.

College of Quantity Surveying

The College of Quantity Surveying is the institute's education arm currently carrying out Institute examinations. Functions of the College are governed by the Board of Management chaired by Mr. H. D. Chandrasena. Institute examinations are now conducted in two semesters with each semester consisting of a minimum of 17 weeks of lecturing. The College has submitted results of the Level One and Level Two examinations for council approval. The second semester started in May 2006.

The College is planning to have a Higher National Diploma course in Quantity Surveying for School leavers soon. During the past year the IQSSL has recognised a private course in Quantity Surveying and it will be accredited once the criteria laid down by the IQSSL is met at the end of the course.

Assessment of Professional Competency (APC)

The IQSSL conducts the APC twice a year in February and July. During the past year 5 people achieved corporate membership whilst 25 achieved Registered Member status. The IQSSL grants direct membership to corporate members of the RICS and the AIQS through a professional interview. This may vary though depending on the route that an applicant become a corporate member of these two institutes. The IQSSL has decided to make it mandatory from 1 January 2006 for new graduate members to obtain experience with both a Contractor and a Consultant to be eligible to appear for the APC.

Overseas Groups

The IQSSL has given its permission to form overseas groups in countries where IQSSL members reside. Representative members have initially been appointed in Dubai, Qatar and Australia and they are managed through the Membership Affairs Board (MAB). A guideline pertaining to the formation and functioning of these groups has recently been issued. It is envisaged that this initiative will extend to other countries in the near future.



IQSSL President, Professor Chitra Weddikkara with Dr. Ellen Lau (HKIS) at the PAQS Congress

Fee Scales

The IQSSL Council has approved a new Reference Scale of Professional Charges, Memorandum of Agreement and Conditions of Engagement for practicing members.

CPD Compliance

After much discussion, the IQSSL has formulated guidelines and the format for recording CPD compliance. CPD compliance will soon be made mandatory.

Future Plans

The IQSSL is planning to appoint a CEO to manage the administrative activities of the institute. A Distance Learning Program is also being planned by the IQSSL to meet the high demand for quantity surveying education in rural/remote areas.



11th PAQS CONGRESS

Auckland, New Zealand

9 - 13 June 2007



CONSTRUCTION FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

The NZIQS has pleasure in announcing that they will host the 11th PAQS Congress in 2007. Although small and distant from the large populations and industrial centres of the world, New Zealanders are still aware of and affected by the same issues as the rest of the world. Challenges and issues in construction procurement, costing, control, building refurbishment, life cycle management, ESD, and removal / destruction of buildings and infrastructure are similar world wide and the realisation that resources are not infinite requires new approaches (and controls). There is a move in New Zealand (and internationally) to review the traditional methods of construction, materials and the procurement processes to establish whether they are sustainable and appropriate for the 21st century. This is accentuated by the globalisation of business, mobility (and scarcity) of professional services internationally, innovation in material production and use, concern for scarce material resources, use of information technology and the growing concern of climate change (whatever its cause). Additionally, in the Asia Pacific region especially, the recent extraordinary increase in the rate of construction of buildings and infrastructure, changing workplaces and residences of populations provides a need to ensure that the investment in construction is planned, suitable for purpose and does not waste 'scarce' natural resources nor cause unacceptable pollution.

CONGRESS LOCATION

The congress location is the Sky-City Convention Centre featuring a one-stop location for the congress. Sky-City contains lecture theatres, break-out rooms, 2 hotels, restaurants, bars and the largest casino in New Zealand. It is located in the central business and shopping district in the heart of Auckland.

DRAFT AGENDA

Saturday 9 June 2007	Executive Meeting, Combined NZIQS/AIQS Council Meeting, PAQS Education Committee Meeting
Sunday 10 June 2007	PAQS Annual Board Meeting, ICEC Region IV Meeting
Monday 11 June 2007	Congress Keynote Opening Ceremony, Congress Plenary and Break-Out Sessions
Tuesday 12 June 2007	Congress Plenary and Break-Out Sessions, Congress Dinner
Wednesday 13 June 2007	Tour Options, PAQS Golf Championship

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts for papers can be sent to paqs2007papers@nziqs.co.nz accompanied by a personal profile. All papers will be peer-reviewed and refereed through assessment by a panel of referees from New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and HongKong.

FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://www.nziqs.co.nz> or <http://www.paqs2007nz.com>

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June 14 to 18, 2008
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Hosts: Association Of Quantity Surveyors Of Alberta and
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6TH WORLD CONGRESS ON COST ENGINEERING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND QUANTITY SURVEYING

in conjunction with the AACE
International Annual Meeting

Toronto, Canada
29 June - 2 July 2008

An announcement and call for papers will be issued in
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