

newsletter 2007/08



WELSH BRANCH NEW MEMBERS GROUP

We've had such a fantastic year, discussing current issues with leading experts, expanding our experience at home and abroad. Here are some of the highlights!

Summer La Rance Study Trip, St Malo

- ♦ International 3-day trip with seminars;
- ♦ 25 new members and 5 senior engineers and scientists travelled to discuss the La Rance and Severn Barrage projects;
- ♦ "...it was a well organised, well executed trip with study exercises and discussion that gave a relaxed but definite purpose. A great opportunity to learn and network...": Attendee;
- ♦ We reached a new audience – young professionals who are not members.



Autumn Routes to Membership Evening Talk

- ♦ Successful event with over 20 attendees;
- ♦ Introduced attendees to CIWEM and the different routes to becoming a Member;
- ♦ We reached those interested in joining CIWEM, who were not previously on our mailing list.

Two Mandatory Competence Workshops

- ♦ The first workshops held in Wales for those looking to get chartered;
- ♦ Both of the workshops were over subscribed, with nearly 30 new or graduate members at each;
- ♦ Feedback was excellent from all those who took part;
- ♦ Attendees found the workshops "very informative for the route to chartership" and most valued "sharing experiences and advice from recently chartered members and mentors".

Winter Christmas meal

- ♦ A well-deserved festive celebration!

Environmental Careers Evening

- ♦ Over 100 attendees, 15 organisations, 4 speakers;
- ♦ We reached students & graduates from South East Wales;
- ♦ "The evening was extremely useful and we've already set up interviews for several graduates": an exhibitor.



Spring WWF talk on the Severn Barrage

- ♦ Follow-up event to the study trip;
- ♦ 45 people attended, many from the La Rance Study Trip.

Routes to Membership in Swansea

- ♦ Our first event in South West Wales;
- ♦ Reaching students in Swansea University & local non-members.

Annual Dinner – Art in the Environment

- ♦ Over 120 attendees gathered to celebrate the successes of CIWEM Welsh Branch and the New Members Group in 2007/08.

2008/09 Coming up

- ♦ This summer... papers competition; understanding Cardiff's flood risk – a tour of vulnerable sites; and a North Wales study trip to look at energy options for the future, including pumped storage HEP and nuclear.
- ♦ This autumn... routes to membership talk & mandatory competence workshops.