

# CIWEM Membership Survey 2005 Results

## Overview

1. The branches and groups were consulted on the questions they would like included in the survey.
2. The survey was conducted in the Members Area of the website from 1 July - 31 August 2005.
3. It was advertised on the website, in WEM magazine and CIWEM E-News
4. A total of 115 people completed the survey.
5. The results are shown as percentages without decimal parts for clarity, therefore the sum of the percentages may not always equal 100%

## Main Points Identified From Survey

2 out of 115 members describe themselves as audio impaired. (1.7%)  
None of the other respondents indicated any form of disability.

Only 1 member did not complete the question on ethnicity, with 83% of respondents classifying themselves as White British.

92% considered the professional status of CIWEM to be either superior or equal to that of other professional institutions.

By far the majority of respondents prefer to attend branch or Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings in the evening and are prepared to travel for a maximum of 1-1.5 hours to reach the venue, preferring presentations or seminars to other events.

74% have attended 3 or less branch meetings in the last year, while 99% have attended 3 or less SIG meetings in the last year (79% did not attend a single SIG meeting in the last year)

Almost half (49%) are members of one of the SIGs.

Over 80% rated the WEM, Journal, CIWEM News and E-News between 3 and 5 on the scale of importance (5 is the highest)

The Annual Report and Accounts was considered very unimportant or unimportant (a rating of 1 or 2) by more than half (58%).

58% rated the ability to update their personal information and pay subscriptions online as important or very important (a rating of 4 or 5)

## Selection of Key Comments

"As a student, I do not have any specific area of experience as of yet and the whole process of applying for student membership was a bit daunting. I feel that more should be done to make the process more "understandable" for younger or less experienced members. I also believe more should be done to tell members of local activities/meetings that are occurring near them (e.g.get regional offices to send out information). I am overall very pleased with my membership and look forward to being a member for many years."

"Lobby relevant employers to convince them of the benefits of promoting CIWEM within their organisations."

"From a distance (USA) I think CIWEM does a good job in most areas. The Institution is accessible and open and offers good opportunities for learning and development. The publications are informative and good quality."

"More regular WEM publication. c.f. NCE mag which is a weekly publication, that includes news articles relevant to that week."

**1. How long have you been a CIWEM member?**

<6 months	7%
6-12 months	10%
1-3 years	18%
4-5 years	15%
6-10 years	19%
10-15 years	10%
15-20 years	8%
>20 years	14%

**2. What is your present grade of Membership?**

Associate	1%
Hon Fellow	1%
Retired	2%
Student	9%
Fellow	13%
Graduate	23%
<b>Member</b>	<b>51%</b>

**3. Please choose which of the following you consider best describes your ethnic origin:**

<b>White British</b>	<b>83%</b>
White Other	4%
Chinese	4%
Black African	3%
White Irish	3%
Other	2%
Indian	1%
Mixed Background	1%

**4. Please choose one area in which you consider yourself to be the most specialised:**

Flood Risk Management	13%
Wastewater Management	10%
Water supply	8%
Drainage	7%
Contaminated land	6%
Other	6%
Effluent treatment	5%
Hydrology	5%
Modelling	4%
Waste Management	4%
Water Treatment	4%
Environmental impact assessment	3%
Environmental Management	3%
G.I.S	3%
Water Quality	3%
Water Resources	3%
Asset management planning	2%
Environmental monitoring	2%
Hydrogeology	2%
Air Quality	1%
Conservation	1%
Environmental risk assessment	1%
Environmental Training	1%
Landfill	1%
Pipes and pipelines	1%
Recycling	1%
Strategic Planning	1%
Sustainability	1%

**5. Please indicate if any of the following apply to you.**

Audio Impaired	2 people
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**6. Which method of communication do you prefer?**

<b>Email</b>	<b>87%</b>
Post	12%

**7. Do you think that the amount of information you receive from CIWEM is:**

<b>About Right</b>	<b>91%</b>
Too Little	7%
Too Much	1%

**8. What is your view on the professional status of CIWEM when compared with other professional institutions?**

Superior	22%
<b>Equivalent</b>	<b>70%</b>
Inferior	8%

9. CIWEM is a registered charity and its subscriptions are generally lower than those of comparable professional bodies – Do you think that your subscription is good value for money?.

Strongly Agree	8%
Agree	38%
Neutral	37%
Disagree	12%
Strongly Disagree	3%

10. In addition to CIWEM, which of the following do you belong to (Choose all that apply)?

ICE	33%
Other	17%
BHS	9%
IEMA	7%
CIWM	6%
GeoSoc	6%
RSC	6%
CIOB	4%
RICS	2%
IAgrE	1%
IChemE	1%
IFM	1%
IMechE	1%
IMMM	1%
IOP	1%
IQA	1%
IWO	1%

CIEH	-
CIBSE	-
IEE	-
IEEE	-
IEEM	-
IES	-
IIE	-
IMarEst	-
IPSS	-
IStructE	-
RAeS	-
RMS	-
RTPI	-

if other, please specify:

APM	
APS, ASCE	
AWA	
BNES	
Chartered Management Institute	3 members
CIArb	2 members
FRSH, FLS	
H.E. Academy; IWA	
IAH, IEMA till this yr	
IAHS	
IASH, IASWS	
IEI	2 members
IHIE	
IOB	
IPENZ	
IWA, CEDA	
NZPI	
Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers	
RSA, ILAM, IoH, IoD, IAM	
RSC	
SiLC	
Soc.Env.	
UKIA	

On a scale of 1-5, with 5 = Very Important, 3 = Neutral, and 1 = Very Unimportant, please consider the following:

## 12. GENERAL

As a CIWEM member, how important are the following to you?

	1	2	3	4	5
Letters after your name	4%	8%	29%	<b>40%</b>	18%
Opportunity to meet other professionals	2%	1%	12%	<b>57%</b>	29%
Local Branches and Groups	4%	4%	28%	<b>39%</b>	24%
Special Interest Groups	4%	10%	28%	<b>44%</b>	12%
CIWEM Publications	2%	3%	14%	<b>47%</b>	34%
Involvement in Policy Making	3%	17%	<b>41%</b>	28%	10%
Online Services	2%	14%	32%	<b>36%</b>	17%

## 13. BRANCH ACTIVITIES

As a CIWEM member, how important are the following to you?

Branch Meetings	2%	13%	26%	<b>35%</b>	24%
Branch Social Events	15%	26%	<b>34%</b>	20%	5%
Branch organised site visits	3%	15%	<b>34%</b>	<b>34%</b>	15%

How many branch meetings did you attend in the past year?

0	33%
<b>1-3</b>	<b>41%</b>
4-6	15%
6-12	10%
More than 12	1%

If you do not regularly attend branch meetings, why?

Cost	1%
Lack of employer support	4%
Lack of Publicity	3%
Location	30%
<b>Other</b>	<b>33%</b>
Topics Irrelevant	20%
Travel Time	10%

When do you prefer attending branch meetings?

<b>Evening</b>	<b>71%</b>
Full Day-Week	4%
Full Day-Weekend	3%
Half Day-Week	19%
Half Day-Weekend	4%

Are there sufficient interesting branch meetings held close to your home or work?

Yes	58%
No	42%

**How long are you willing to travel to get to a branch meeting?**

0.5 hour	18%
1 hour	61%
1.5 hours	13%
2 hours	7%
3 hours or more	1%

**Which type of branch meetings do you prefer to attend?**

Debates	4%
Presentations	54%
Seminars	26%
Site Visits	15%
Social	1%

**14. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (Rivers & Coastal, Scientific, Environment Groups)**

**As a CIWEM member, how important are the following to you?**

	1	2	3	4	5
SIG Meetings	7%	11%	35%	<b>37%</b>	10%
SIG Social Events	25%	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	13%	1%
SIG organised site visits	9%	17%	<b>40%</b>	26%	8%

**Are you a member of any of the Special Interest Groups?**

Rivers & Coastal Group	22%
Scientific Group	10%
Env Group	17%

**How many SIG meetings did you attend in the past year?**

0	<b>79%</b>
1-3	21%

**If you do not regularly attend SIG meetings, why?**

Cost	1%
Lack of employer support	4%
Lack of Publicity	15%
Location	<b>31%</b>
Other	26%
Topics Irrelevant	14%
Travel Time	9%

**When do you prefer attending SIG meetings?**

<b>Evening</b>	<b>52%</b>
Full Day-Week	19%
Full Day-Weekend	4%
Half Day-Week	20%
Half Day-Weekend	6%

**Are there sufficient interesting SIG meetings held close to your home or work?**

No	79%
Yes	21%

**How long are you willing to travel to get to an SIG meeting?**

0.5 hour	12%
1 hour	45%
1.5 hours	19%
2 hours	15%
3 hours or more	8%

**Which type of SIG meetings do you prefer to attend?**

Debates	3%
Presentations	48%
Seminars	30%
Site Visits	18%
Social	1%

**15. PUBLICATIONS**

**As a CIWEM member, how important are the following to you?**

	1	2	3	4	5
WEM Magazine	1%	6%	10%	<b>50%</b>	34%
CIWEM News	1%	8%	16%	<b>57%</b>	19%
WEJ Journal	4%	5%	23%	<b>43%</b>	23%
Intl Directory	17%	22%	<b>37%</b>	19%	5%
Prof Directory	10%	28%	<b>30%</b>	26%	5%
Annual Report and Accounts	24%	<b>34%</b>	28%	8%	6%
ENews	1%	9%	21%	<b>45%</b>	24%

**16. POLICY**

**As a CIWEM member, how important are the following to you?**

Public Consultations	5%	8%	<b>36%</b>	35%	16%
Policy Statements	3%	9%	31%	<b>39%</b>	17%
Fact Sheets	1%	5%	25%	<b>48%</b>	20%
Infl Gov Policy	5%	3%	22%	<b>39%</b>	30%
Infl EU Intl Policy	4%	4%	27%	<b>35%</b>	29%

**17. MEMBERS AREA SERVICES**

**As a CIWEM member, how important are the following Members Area functions to you?**

Update Personal Details	3%	5%	23%	<b>37%</b>	32%
Pay subscriptions online	10%	13%	20%	<b>36%</b>	22%
Record CPD online	10%	14%	31%	<b>23%</b>	20%