

CIHT South West – Chair’s update

Welcome

A warm welcome to all CIHT South West region members.

As the region’s year closes following an events-laden programme I am grateful to our outgoing Chair, Steve Keen, for leaving the committee in good health and spirits for the year ahead. There’s a great platform to build on for 2019 and into 2020.

Annual General Meeting 2019

We recently held our AGM on 1st May 2019 in Exeter, thanks to City Science for hosting us. The AGM saw the election of the committee and Regional Officer roles for the next year. I was delighted to have been elected as Chair for the forthcoming year: it’s a real privilege having been part of the committee for the past five years and I am aware I follow those who have done so much great work for the region.

As usual the committee has seen some members leave and I would like to thank each of them for their work over the past few years. I am glad to say that we have also seen new members join.

Whilst the AGM has taken place, I am keen to see the committee continue to grow and reflect our membership – both geographically and in the range of work that our members are involved with. **If you would like to get involved it is not too late – please get in touch!**

I look forward to keeping our membership up-to-date, providing an update on regional news, events and plans to South West members as the year progresses. My aim is therefore to produce a “*Chair’s update*” newsletter following each of our committee meetings or key regional events. Hopefully these will be of interest – if there is anything you would like to see or know more about, then please get in touch. I look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the next year.

Nik Bowyer

Chair, CIHT South West region

Meet the officers

	<p>Chair Name: Nik Bowyer Job title: Associate Director <i>AECOM</i> Based: Bristol</p>
	<p>Vice Chair Name: Chris Shipway Job title: Senior Transport Planner <i>Jacobs</i> Based: Exeter</p>
	<p>Secretary Name: Alex Dawn Job title: Transport Consultant <i>City Science</i> Based: Exeter</p>
	<p>Treasurer Name: Emma Hext Job title: Divisional Director <i>Jacobs</i> Based: Exeter</p>
	<p>Events Name: Steve Keen Job title: Associate <i>PBA Stantec</i> Based: Taunton</p>
	<p>Communications Name: David Watkins Job title: Associate <i>Arup</i> Based: Bristol</p>
	<p>Recruitment Name: Hannah Shrimpton Job title: Associate Director, <i>WSP</i> Based: Exeter</p>

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Reflecting on 2018/19: Annual conference, black-tie dinner and awards

Annual conference and black-tie dinner

The South West region held its annual conference and black-tie dinner on Thursday 28th February at the University of Exeter, which was sponsored by Jacobs. The location was broadly central in what is one of the largest (geographically) of the CIHT's regions and this was demonstrated in turn-out: over 70 delegates from the transportation industry attended the day conference, with over 150 people attending the black-tie dinner and awards ceremony.

The theme for the day conference was "*Driving a Sustainable and Smart Future*". CIHT President Matthew Lugg OBE provided the keynote address, praising the dedicated CIHT volunteers that help to deliver events across the country. Throughout the day, delegates learned about potential futures for transport, including autonomous transit that covered practical case studies in the South West region including applications in Exeter and Bristol. Challenges of these futures were also discussed, both in terms of safety and operations but also in terms of the wider context of climate change. A selection of the region's Emerging Professionals also shared their views on both the future of transport and the current state of the industry.

Award winners

The South West region made awards across four project categories. Thank you to everyone who submitted awards; the high-standard of which shows the South West region in a great light and made life difficult for the committee who had to judge submissions and come to a decision! The winners and runners up are below; congratulations to all of them:

Transportation Project of the Year:

- **Winner:** A379 Slapton Line reconstruction (Alun Griffiths)
- **Runners-up:** Tithebarn Way (Devon County Council), and E4 Cycle Route Phase 1 (Devon County Council and Jacobs)

Transportation Innovation award:

- **Winner:** A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross virtual consultation (Highways England and Arup)
- **Runners-up:** Dedicated driverless spaces (City Science), and Clyst St. Mary bridges assessment (Jacobs)

Transportation Environment award:

- **Winner:** A379 Slapton Line reconstruction (Alun Griffiths)
- **Runners-up:** A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross (Arup) Cycling, Safety and Integration in Cornwall (Arup)

Peter Swain award for Emerging Professional:

- **Winner:** Katie Pearce (Jacobs)
- **Runner-up:** Roy Yapp (AECOM)

Thank you

The annual conference, black-tie dinner and awards ceremony are the largest events in the South West region's annual programme. Organising these is a difficult task and the committee is lucky to be able to call on the support of many from across the region in helping to deliver the event.

The region would like to thank all who continue to help organise the successful event including the speakers, the region's volunteers, Glen King PR, our headline sponsors Jacobs and the support from CIHT Britannia Walk.

We are already planning for the 2020 conference!

Upcoming events

We are planning a full programme of events for 2019/2020, covering the full range of activities carried out by our members across the transportation sector. The full programme is currently being developed and will be discussed at future committee meetings.

Below is a selection of events that will be taking place over the next few months. Keep an eye out on our events page for further details: <https://www.ciht.org.uk/about-us/uk-nations-regions/south-west/events/>

Subject	Location	Date	Time
Bristol Emerging Professionals: "Are we Engineers or Designers?"	Arup, Bristol	14 May 2019	08:15-10:15
Exeter Emerging Professionals: "Co-bikes and travel behaviour?"	TBC, Exeter	May 2019	TBC
Exeter Emerging Professionals: "To Wait or Not to Wait – Is RTI The Answer?"	Aperture, Exeter	June 2019	Breakfast 08:00-09:30
Bristol Emerging Professionals: Mini Golf social	Bristol	June 2019	Evening
Road Safety Audits (SoRSA)	Aperture, Exeter	25 June 2019	17:30-18:30
Data Surveys by Intelligent Data Collection Ltd.	Bristol	July 2019	Evening
Exeter Emerging Professionals: Summer Social Bike ride or BBQ	Exeter	July 2019	Evening
Bristol Emerging Professionals: BBQ social	Bristol	August 2019	Evening
Routes to Chartership	Exeter	September 2019	Evening

Emerging Professionals' Groups

Did you know that the region has two Emerging Professionals' Groups (EPGs)? The EPGs are sub-groups of the main committee with a focus on members in the first ten years of their career. The groups organise CPD and social / networking events throughout the year and offer a great opportunity to get to know others in the region's transportation industry.

The South West region has historically had a very active EPG in Exeter. Following two successful years as Chair of the Exeter EPG, Emily Boazman has passed the role over to Alex Thomas. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Emily for a great two years and for consistently delivering a great mix of events in the Exeter area and to wish Alex well for the year ahead.

I'm also pleased to say that the region established a Bristol-area EPG at the end of 2018. The Bristol EPG has managed to form an active committee in this time and has already held two events, with more on the calendar. Kate Lodge has taken on the role of Chair, with support from Sasha Boland in the Vice Chair role. I wish them both a good year ahead.

If you would like to get involved in either the Bristol or Exeter EPGs, please get in touch with Kate or Alex. If you are interested in establishing an EPG elsewhere in the region then the committee will be happy to support – please get in touch.

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Future committee meetings

Future committee meetings are scheduled for the following dates. If you are not currently part of the committee but interested in getting involved, please get in touch and come along.

- **Date:** Wednesday 03 July 2019 **Venue:** Bristol (Arup, St Thomas Street)
- **Date:** Wednesday 18 September 2019 **Venue:** Exeter (*Venue TBC*)
- **Date:** Wednesday 15 January 2020 **Venue:** Taunton (*Venue TBC*)

Many thanks, Nik