



View from the Chair

Well.

Just on my way home after my last Committee meeting. This time in Cardiff so a long journey on the train. What better way to spend it than reflecting on a busy 2 years as you chair – which formally comes to end at Conference on 17 June at the all new venue of Radisson Blu, Manchester airport. Despite the increased venue spaces are filling up so **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!** to avoid disappointment.

SoRSA Conference

This conference may well be my last and looks even more exciting than usual. As requested by delegates, the all new format and venue the two slightly shorter days are still packed with interesting topics, not least your first sight of the web-based Road Safety audit Guidelines to provide assistance where GG119 is not wholly appropriate.

This and the ongoing series of Regional seminars/meeting promoting audit in the design process have been the main focus of my tenure as chair, but if anyone is still interested in hosting such a training event, please let me know. In addition, I have used my personal involvement in PIARC to promote SoRSA and UK audit practice in a review of international audit documents will be presented at the World Congress in Abu Dhabi in October.

But before we get to all that, there are still annual reviews to process. Remember it is your responsibility to submit them by the deadline – not rely on the Membership Secretary to issue last minute reminders. Please don't be like everyone else and leave it to the last minute. With now over 400 members it is a mammoth task to process all these applications - especially if they all arrive on the last day!

This year we say goodbye to Libby Sands, Inaugural Chair of the Society way back in 2007 and Membership Secretary since 2009. On behalf of the committee – and all of you – I would like to

thank her for her hard work and conscientiousness in keeping the system working as we have grown. It is often a thankless task at times and Libby deserves our admiration and thanks for doing it so well. She will not be easy to replace so don't expect to be cosseted in the same way in the future!

As we approach the Conference and AGM it is also your opportunity to get more involved with the Society. A number of posts are available for nomination (including Membership Secretary – an opportunity to get your own back) together with a number of Ordinary Member positions and the nomination forms are available on the website (I hope).

Throughout the year we have experienced various issues with the CIHT website, electronic communication during Project Alpha. I am pleased to say that these appear to be coming to an end and working more closely with staff in Britannia Walk is starting to show improvements.

Finally, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure (mostly) and a privilege to be chair of this Society as it has grown and developed. An increase in its international recognition is particularly pleasing. I hope you will all support your incoming Chair Stewart Knowles over the coming years, and I wish him and you all every success in the future.

John Barrell SoRSA chair 2017 -19

Get Involved!

As required by our constitution, a number of committee posts are due for re-election. So here is an opportunity for you to become involved with your Society.

The posts are: Web Officer. Newsletter editor, welsh representative, and three ordinary committee members. Nominations must be received by 27 May.

AGM Nomination Forms

Your Last Chance!

The annual review window closes at 16.00hrs on Sunday 05 May 2019. So, time is running out fast if you haven't yet completed your review.

[Review Form](#)

It seems some people are missing the button which includes their name on the website register of members. If you think you have forgotten

[Add details to SoRSA register](#)

That conference!

We have moved to the Radisson Blu at Manchester airport which has more space than Birmingham, but places are going fast so don't forget to book your place.

[Book Here](#)

And Finally

Problem: Drivers may be distracted by low flying aircraft.

Recommendation: Err...move airport?.....

