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A note to readers



Michael Thompson
WMCCE, Executive
Director

The WMCCE Board meeting in October saw the standing down of George Marsh as Chairman of the Board. George has been a Board member and Chairman since February 2006. He has seen WMCCE travel through a number of different stages during the past 3 years and has always given the Executive powerful support to achieve its Best Practice targets. We are grateful to George's untiring guidance and ideas, and are pleased that he has agreed to continue as a Board Member.

We welcome David Bucknall as the new Chairman of the Board. Like George, he has been a Board Member almost since the start and we know that he will be a great asset to WMCCE as Chairman. David is much respected in the industry and within WMCCE, again for his untiring support. More can be read about him in this newsletter below.

InterBuild 2009 has come and gone and we believe has been a success so far as WMCCE is concerned, as we provided support to 11 small companies in the regions, by enabling them to have a small stand each within the Business Link - WMCCE - UKTI stand. All of the businesses were exposed to a significant number of enquiries which we hope will turn in to firm orders.

Deadline Extension for Submission of Entries for Awards



Applications for the WMCCE Constructing Excellence Awards, part of Celebrating Construction, the major regional annual awards event for the construction industry, are now being **extended to 30 November 2009**.

In partnership with Birmingham City Council's Building Consultancy Service, and the Chartered Institute of Buildings (CIOB), the awards will be presented at the Celebrating Construction dinner on 30 April 2010 at the ICC, Birmingham.

This year, the award categories are:

- Leadership in People Development
- Integration and Collaboration Working
- Health and Safety
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Project of the Year

[See Application Information Pack](#)

WMCCE Director Takes the Reins as ICE West Midlands Chairman



Michael Thompson, Executive Director of WMCCE, has taken up the post of Chairman of ICE West Midlands for 2009 -2010, in addition to his normal duties at WMCCE.

Shortly after taking up the post on 8th October, he hosted an event in Birmingham called 'Inspiring Engineers - Engineering the Olympics' where John Armit, Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority, talked about his own career as an Engineer as well as about the progress made so far on the preparations for the Olympic Games.....[more](#)

WMCCE Welcomes New Chairman



WMCCE is pleased to announce that David Bucknall, Chairman of Rider Levett Bucknall, has become its new Chairman, taking over from George Marsh who stepped down in October after 3 years in the Chair.

From the early 1960's David led the transformation of Bucknall Austin from a small local Quantity Surveying Company into a successful Plc, providing Management Services in the Construction and Property Sector.

He retired on the sale of Bucknall Austin to Citex in 1998 and took up a series of Non-Executive positions, returning in 2003 to head up the purchase of the businesses from administration.....[more](#)

Specifiers, Contractors & Clients: Top 20 League Tables West Midlands



Constructing Insight

See [Construction Industry League Tables West Midlands](#), October 09, issue 1 [HERE](#)

See again [Construction Industry Prospects West Midlands](#), September 09, issue 1 [HERE](#)

Interbuild: Building on Advantage



It was a very successful year at Interbuild for WMCCE, which joined forces with Business Link West Midlands and UK Trade and Investment on 18-21 Oct 2009 to exhibit at the largest construction event in the UK, under the banner "Building on Advantage (BOA)".

2012 Games Opportunities



In support of the 2012 Olympic Games, WMCCE is working in conjunction with Advantage West Midlands and the government portal CompeteFor.com to provide information about the London 2012 procurement opportunities.

➔ [See Tenders](#)

Want to know who from the West Midlands won a bid?

➔ [Read the Monthly Briefing](#)

Coming Events

Continuing Professional Development Programme

When: 17 November 2009

Where: Edgbaston Cricket Club, Birmingham

This presentation aims to give the background to asbestos related hazards and explore the reasons for this dramatic rise in death rise.....[more](#)

The NEC3 - Do you really want to use it?

When: 18 November 2009

Where: Anthony Collins Solicitors Office, Birmingham

This seminar will review the NEC suite of contracts from the perspective of all parties, but particularly the client organisation[more](#)

FORCE Annual Awards 2009

When: 19 November 2009

Where: ACT-UK Simulation Centre, Coventry

The FORCE Annual Awards is a celebration of excellence within the local construction industry, and is fast becoming the premier construction event in Coventry and Warwickshire.....[more](#)

Low Carbon and Renewable Energy in the Construction Sector

When: 23 November 2009

Where: WMCCE, Embassy House, Birmingham

This two days workshop specifically designed for developers, architects, installers and contractors in the West Midlands who seek an understanding of the key issues in the sector.....[more](#)

Marches Local Association New Rules of Measurement

When: 26 November 09

Where: Hotel Inn Telford/ Ironbridge, Telford

This presentation will discuss about the origin of New Rules of Measurement and conclude with