

The Division had a busy lecture schedule as follows:

- September - The Christchurch NZ Earthquake-experiences and lessons learned (joint event with IABSE)
- September - ESB Safety Talk
- October - Conservation talk- Stabilisation of Historic Masonry (joint event with Conservation Society)
- November - Alternative Dispute Resolution
- March - Flexi-Arch Bridge
- April - BIM information evening
- April - NUIG Building (joint event with IStructE)
- May - New Dublin Port Master Plan

The Division has continued to forge links within **Conservation Engineering**. To this end Engineers Ireland formally signed an agreement on May 17th with the ICE, who administer CARE in London to establish CARE Ireland, under the Structures and construction division.

We have also formed links with **NAWIC** and hope to run a joint event next year.

The Division with the **CITA/BIM** group is working to promote Building Information Modelling via a series of workshops.

We continue to coordinate lectures with IStructE, ICE & IABSE, together with other Divisions within Engineers Ireland.

The Structures and construction division's other activities during the year included: **Bridge Inspection Competence & Competence Training Framework Nov 2012** - the Division represented Engineers Ireland at this framework workshop and gave active feedback on how bridge inspection competence and competence training could be achieved.

The Division participated in a DoES workshop in February 2012:

Department of Education and Skills are undertaking a review of its procedures for the progression of capital projects through the design and construction stages. To this end the existing department's design team procedures were radically re-written to give effect to the increased autonomy for the design team. The Division formed part of an Engineers Ireland group who attended this workshop on the draft procedures and subsequently have made submissions to the department in this regard.

Building Regulations submission May 2012:

Engineers Ireland has been requested by the Department of the Environment to make a submission with regard to the amendments to the Building Regulations. A working group was formed to respond to these proposed changes in which the Division has played an active role.

Pyrite Working Group May 2012:

The Division is also represented on an Engineers Ireland working group which will produce a discussion reference document for pyrite related matters in Ireland, should Engineers Ireland choose to put it forward as such.

Finally, I would like to thank all the speakers who gave of their time to present papers. Without their input the lecture series would not have been possible.

I would also like to thank all the committee for the hard work and dedication to the Division during the year.

A special note of thanks is due to Ken Woods who retired during the year due to work commitments. Ken has served on the committee for a long number of years, serving as Chairman (2006-2008) and more recently as Liaison Committee representative. His work and assistance to the Division has been invaluable and will be greatly missed.

I would also like to welcome the new committee member Richard McCrea who joined the committee during the year and is now acting as the Divisions Liaison Committee representative.

Looking forward to the 2011-2012 schedule of events which has been lined up.

Many thanks again

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