

# The Leader

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## National Construction Week 2000

National Construction Week is an industry-wide campaign that aims to communicate the progress the industry is making and the fundamental contribution it makes to the British economy. During National Construction Week 1999 hundreds of articles (worth £5million in editorial coverage) were published in the local, regional and national press. These articles also highlighted the organisations involved in running events.

Go to <http://www.ncw.org.uk> for information of local events and get in involved with those events which are of interest to you and your contacts in industry and students. One such event is taking place in Deansgate at the Great Northern Warehouse. This is aimed at key influencers and the media in the industry, focusing on such aspects as improved health and safety in the workplace. Further details can be reached by contacting Beth Parker at: [beth.parker@octagon.com](mailto:beth.parker@octagon.com).

Rachael Rogan

## Construction Expo 2000

Thursday 30-Friday 31 March sees the first national event instigated by the northern branch of the CIOB. This will provide the opportunity to gain an insight to project strategies of some of the country's most successful contractors, consultants and manufacturers. Delegates at the event will include UK wide industrialists and potential students, as the focus of the event is on attracting high calibre personnel to the industry.

Representatives of the School will host a stand in the exhibition hall, and attend workshops and seminars.

Sue Buckley

## Help Bridge the Gap - 31st March

Salford University will stage the first Innovation in Construction Creativity Club in the north west region as an activity to bridge the gap between academia and industry. This initiative is supported by CIOB, funded by EPSRC and created by ARCOM (Association of Researchers in Construction Management - which brings together academic and research staff from a range of universities in the UK).

The Clubs are aimed at regional SME's and gives the School the opportunity to showcase in-house research projects and highlight the benefits to the industry. This particular event will present:

SPI CE- presented by Matthew Finnamore

OSCON - presented by Prof. Ghassan Aouad

IT Self Assessment - presented by Mark Shelborne

Process Protocol - presented by Andrew Fleming

Please contact me with SME contacts as we will be happy to invite them along to participate in the event which is to be held in Bridgewater Building on the 31st March.

Contact Norman Gilkinson on 295 3507 or email to [n.r.gilkinson@surveying.salford.ac.uk](mailto:n.r.gilkinson@surveying.salford.ac.uk)

Norman Gilkinson

**Diary Dates for Next Fortnight**  
**Monday 20th - SENATE: 4.00pm**  
**Monday 27th - Undergraduate Programme Board: 10.00am**  
**Wednesday 29th - School Open Day: 11.00am**  
**University Health and Safety: 2.00pm**  
**Friday 31st - Postgraduate Programme Board: 2.00pm**

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## Overseas Networks

Mustafa Alshawi recently delivered a two day workshop on Business Process Re-engineering and IT to an executive group from the Oil Industry in the Gulf States. The workshop was split into a) a strategic review of Business Process Re-engineering and the impact of advances of IT on organisations' performance and b) process evaluation and prioritisation. The workshop went very well with great enthusiasm from the candidates, leading to requests for further, more specific training programmes.

Mustafa Alshawi

## Bizarre Fruit 2000

The School hosted its third annual Bizarre Fruit Conference on 9th and 10th March. Following on from previous successful conferences. This year's was opened to encompass PhD students from all over the country, with one delegate attending from Germany and a large contingent of Salford students from Portugal.

The conference was opened on the Thursday by Professor Betts, with Professor Peter Brandon delivering the first keynote speech. The day proceeded with presentations on many varied research topics, encouraging much lively debate.

Friday's proceedings were opened by Professor Matthew Bacon. The culmination of the conference was the presentation of prizes for best paper: Dilanthi Amaratunga (Salford University) and Mohammed Kishk (The Robert Gordon University) and best presentation: Angela Lee (Salford University) and Ombretta Romice (University of Strathclyde).

The two days were very successful as a research event and on a social level; the conference was enjoyed by all concerned. Friends were made and we hope that we shall see many of them again next year when the conference will be going international. For those of you who were unable to

attend the conference, please visit the website which is being kept open and has photographs and video clips of all the presentations (<http://www.scpm.salford.ac.uk/BF2000>)

The conference was a resounding success due to the hard work of the organising committee comprised of Ming Sun, Ghassan Aouad, Marcus Ormerod, Les Ruddock, Sandra Heyworth, Sheila Walker, Mary Hamblett and Simon Osbaldiston. We must not forget the help provided by our technicians Peter Unsworth and Mike Collins. Particularly worthy of mention is Mark Shelbourn for driving the mini-bus for the two days.

Mary Hamblett

## Research Students

Bingunath Ingiriae will be arriving in Salford on 28 April to undertake PhD research studies. He will be based in the postgrad room, his supervisor is Martin Betts and his research area is: Technology Management - A framework for managing technology in UK construction firms.

Sandra Heyworth

## Transfer to Fellowship

Congratulations to Professor Betts! The CIOB Fellowship Committee has approved his transfer from Member class to Fellowship. He is now entitled to the rights and privileges appropriate to this class, and will continue to play an active part in the Institute.

Rachael Rogan

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This newsletter is for the School, about the School and by the School. It would be good to get input to this from anyone with information to share. Anyone wishing to contribute to the newsletter please do so through Rachael Rogan on 55334 or [r.rogan@salford.ac.uk](mailto:r.rogan@salford.ac.uk)