

# CIBSE ASHRAE Group

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## Annual Report for the Year 2006

*The CIBSE ASHRAE Group was formed in 1995 and represents members who have an interest in the Building Services industry and see the advantage of sharing information and encouraging interaction between CIBSE and ASHRAE. Whilst a Group within CIBSE, membership is additionally open at no cost to members of ASHRAE, and also to interested individuals who may be neither members of CIBSE nor ASHRAE. The group is unique within CIBSE in that it is not associated with a particular sub-discipline of building services and aims to focus primarily on issues with a transatlantic emphasis and inter-institutional activity.*

### Membership

Current membership of the Group on the CIBSE database is 2138 – a continued growth on the last year's total of 1374 members. Of these 1335 members are from UK, 100 from Ireland and 330 members are from Hong Kong. Of the total membership over 90% are CIBSE Members and over 10% are ASHRAE members. (There are 708 UK/Ireland members of ASHRAE.)

### Group Activities

The activities of the Group are on a wide technical base, attempting to carry through a broadly transatlantic theme. Traditionally evening meetings have been presented on the second Wednesday of the month at London South Bank University - attendance at these meetings ranges between 15 and 45. Topics in the last year have included both technical areas such as the HVAC noise control, natural ventilation design, and control valves, as well as broader areas such as the ASHRAE Presidential presentation "The ASHRAE Promise: A Sustainable Future".

Those unable to attend the meetings, including the international members (nearly one third of the CIBSE ASHRAE group membership is outside UK/Ireland), are able to gain access to most of the presentations through the group website, [www.cibseashrae.org](http://www.cibseashrae.org).

The highlight of the group's year is in the autumn with the annual ASHRAE President's lecture held at the IMechE HQ in London. The lecture gives an opportunity not only to provide a platform for the ASHRAE president but also to act as a catalyst for the linking of IMechE, CIBSE and ASHRAE with a joint activity that is member focussed. The Graduate of the Year Award (in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, sponsored by the Group, H&V News and DENCO) came to a finale at the autumn meeting where 3 graduate finalists presented on 'Sustainability'. The winner, Michael Norton, graduate of London South Bank University attended the January 2007 Dallas winter meeting as his prize and was presented with an award at the ASHRAE student breakfast reflecting his achievement – a further strengthening of the relationship between the young members of the two organisations. The group was particularly pleased that this year's competition was supported by CIBSE Patrons who awarded the runner up with a significant prize. The IMechE Construction and Building Services Division also collaborated wholeheartedly with the event and despite the demise of HAC Journal, the publisher EMAP continued to organise and support the event through its flagship weekly publication H&V News.

### CIBSE ASHRAE Liaison

Following the autumn 2006 CIBSE ASHRAE liaison meeting the chair of the group has progressed the proposal for mutual membership recognition and worked with CIBSE and ASHRAE to determine a workable and acceptable arrangement for both organisations.

### Group Communications

The group website and regular emails keep contact with a large proportion of the attending membership. The site provides an automated group registration process, maintains an updated programme, abstracts, and papers from group events. (See [www.cibseashrae.org](http://www.cibseashrae.org) for this page).

Since the membership has grown so significantly the group email list is now facilitated centrally from CIBSE HQ. There are currently 1875 members with email addresses.

The group continues to benefit from coverage in H&V News and the Building Services Journal has been keen to take articles covering CIBSE/ASHRAE activities.

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