

CIBSE ASHRAE Group – December 2010

Note: Please comment under any categories that apply to your particular group, inserting n/a in any other spaces. Groups are not expected to have an entry under every heading.

Name of Group	
ASHRAE	
Introduction	
<p>Formed in 1995 the CIBSE ASHRAE Group represents members who have an interest in the Building Services industry both in the UK and in North America. Whilst a Group within CIBSE, membership is additionally open at no cost to members of ASHRAE, and also to interested individuals who are 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.</p>	
Please list all Group officers and all other Group committee members. (Please include roles against each name.)	
Role	Name
Chairman	Tim Dwyer
Vice Chairman	Ewen Rose
Secretary	-
Treasurer	-
Student Activities	Morwenna Wilson
Research officer	Scott West
Liaison members	
ASHRAE	David Arnold, Richard Rooley
Young Engineers' Network	Michael Norton
Institute of Refrigeration	Graeme Maidment
Any vacancies on the Group committee	
Group Membership/CIBSE Membership – Any points of note or interest including membership drives	
<p>Current membership of the Group on the CIBSE database is over 9900 – this is a continued growth (approximately 1900) in the last year and the group now has members in over 120 countries. The top 10 countries (as at December 2010 with December 2009 figures in brackets) are 5189 (3639) from UK, Hong Kong 1212 (972), UAE 559 (384), Ireland 484 (355), Australia 357 (267), India 285 (189), USA 282 (200), Singapore 121 (89), Malaysia 116 (82), and Qatar 106 (54) members.</p>	
Group events (i.e. events organised by the Group's committee and publicised to the Group's membership)	
<p>The activities of the Group are on a wide technical base, attempting to carry through a</p>	

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 has typically ranged between 50 and 100. The increase in numbers attending the meetings has again been sustained over the over the last year. Topics covered at the meetings are varied and in the past season have included 'How Engineers Can Reduce Building Carbon Emissions in Reality, Not Virtual Reality', and 'Building Services for Low Carbon Supermarkets' that, as with most events over the year, had more attendees than could fit in the room!

We are particularly proud of our first group international virtual meeting – “Green buildings or green wash?” held in May that was also available as a live global webinar.

Live speakers (speaking from their home town) included from Chicago USA , Benny Skelton; Dubai, UAE, Bill Jolly; New Delhi, India, Ashish Rakheja; London, UK, Wojtek Stec.

Overall comments from physical and virtual attendees were

- the event was "Full of specific and relevant information and very thought provoking"
- "The effort that (doubtless) went into it was appreciated."
- "found it extremely interesting"
- "It was an extremely good session "

One of the key activities of the group is the ASHRAE Presidential lecture held in the autumn of each year. This year's president Lynn Bellenger presented at the London HQ of IMechE and acted as a judge for the CIBSE ASHRAE Group Graduate of the Year that was awarded to Mike Gardner of Coventry University who will be travelling to the Las Vegas ASHRAE winter meeting as his prize. Now in its fifteenth year this well-established and prestigious award rewards the best graduate from a programme related to CIBSE/ASHRAE activities. The competition was, for the second time, sponsored by Baxi and supported by CIBSE, ASHRAE, IMechE and the Rumford Club. Last year's winner Emma Marshall has gone on to take an increasingly active role in CIBSE's Young Engineer's Network particularly in the north east of England. ASHRAE are now considering echoing the event (probably based in Washington USA).

This 'season' starting Autumn 2010 the group has begun moving the meetings around to various venues and delivery mechanisms. This has included a meeting on Fire Engineering held in a venue with limited accommodation that was subsequently webcast (see it at <http://www.vimeo.com/17211621>). Those unable to attend the meetings including the international members - almost 40% (compared with 60% last year) of the CIBSE ASHRAE group are outside UK/Ireland - are able to gain access to most of the presentations through the group website, www.cibseashrae.org.

Events held in conjunction with other Groups or the CIBSE Regional Committees

Annual event (evening presentation) held in conjunction with FM Group

Annual event (evening presentation) held in conjunction with CIBSE CHP Group

YEN collaboration with CIBSE ASHRAE Graduate of the Year

Rumford Club provided bursaries for runners up in the Graduate of the Year competition.

CIBSE Ireland – plans to run event spring 2011

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Events in conjunction with any external bodies
<p>The mutual recognition membership agreement with ASHRAE continues to attract a steady stream of applicants. As the chair of the CIBSE ASHRAE group is immediate past chair of CIBSE Individual Case Procedure panel and a previous member of old ASHRAE Admissions and Advancement Committee he is in a good position both to advise and monitor the progress of this initiative.</p> <p>The group has historically held the majority of our London events in collaboration with IMechE Greater London Region who have shared the refreshment costs. This will continue to happen on a more infrequent basis as the group intends to move outside the normal pattern of meeting at London South Bank University.</p> <p>IMechE CBDSD collaborated with the Graduate of the Year and ASHRAE Presidential Lecture – the IMechE President was also one of the judges</p> <p>Inst of Refrigeration hold a joint annual event with the group.</p>
Publications involvement
None
Research activities of the Group
No specific actions.
Group involvement in consultations and policy development
None
Communications – e-newsletters, newsletters, website, forum etc
<p>The group website (hosted independently of CIBSE, www.cibseashrae.org) and regular emails keep contact with a large proportion of the membership –the majority of group members have an email address. The site provides an automated group registration process (that automatically contacts CIBSE HQ), maintains an updated programme, abstracts, and papers from group events.</p> <p>The site has attracted over 1300 unique visits every month and there were over 600 downloads of presentations from the site each month. (See www.cibseashrae.org for downloads.)</p> <p>The group continues to benefit from coverage in the CIBSE Journal – the Journal continues to be keen to take articles covering CIBSE/ASHRAE activities.</p>

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Education/Careers activities
The relationship with the CIBSE YEN is leading to both joint events and cross promotion.
Awards/Competitions organised by the group
CIBSE ASHRAE Group Graduate of the Year
Collaboration with other bodies and development of knowledge networks
Joint events with ASHRAE, IMechE, IoR The group has traditionally held its meetings at London South Bank University – the group officers have been exploring alternative venues to enable a different group of attendees. In conjunction with this the group is also working on a joint event Dublin in conjunction with the ASHRAE Sub Region C that will take place in 2011.
Sponsorship - What sponsorship was received this year, in kind or monetary? Are any future activities involving sponsorship planned?
Baxi and Ruskin have sponsored evening discussion meetings (refreshment costs) and this is to be repeated this year. Baxi sponsored the Graduate of the Year
Any activities of the group (relating to the group's original aims and objectives) that have not been covered above
Any noteworthy trends internal or external to the group that have a bearing on the group's operation
The CIBSE ASHRAE Graduate of the Year attracted a number of trade journal editors.