

- September 2008 (day to be confirmed) Junior SCL Site Visit
Continuing on from the successful site visit over the last few years, it is anticipated that this site will be one of significant interest to lawyers and non-lawyers. Date and further details tba.
Organiser: rbailey@fenwickelliott.co.uk
- Tuesday, 2 September "Third Party Rights and Collateral Warranties"
Speaker: Stephanie Canham - Trowers & Hamlins
Chairman: Frances Paterson, MBE
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm
- Thursday, 11 September Joint Junior SCL/King's College London event
"Sixth Introduction to the Basics Conference"
See separate item below (further details to be announced)
Organiser: rbailey@fenwickelliott.co.uk
- Wednesday, 17 September Joint TECBAR/SCL Meeting
(speaker to be announced)
Chairman: Lord Justice May
Venue: Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple, London EC4Y 5.15pm
- Monday 6 Tuesday 7 October SCL International Construction Law Conference
Venue: Grange City Hotel, 8-14 Cooper's Row, London EC3N
This major two day conference, will bring together leading construction experts from many different jurisdictions to exchange ideas on a wide range of highly relevant topics. 9.00am
For further details please see www.sclinternational.org
A Conference Registration form is attached to this newsletter
- Monday 6 October SCL International Construction Law Conference Gala Dinner
Venue: The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC2 6.30pm

The Gala Dinner is open to all SCL and ACCL members and their guests not attending the Conference at a cost of £75 per head. See item 9 on the attached Conference Registration form (tables of 10 are available).
- Tuesday 7 October Society's President's Reception
Venue: Ironmonger's Hall, Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, London EC2Y
The President's Reception will be open to all SCL Members and SCL Conference attendees and their guests at a cost of £30 per head. 6.30pm
See item 10 on the attached Conference Registration form

London Speaker Programme

Feedback and suggestions for speakers and topics continue to be gratefully received by the organising committee: njefford@keatingchambers.com ngould@fenwickelliott.co.uk and PMcKinley@trowers.com

A Note from the Chairman

I thought I'd write down a few things as the new Chairman on how I see the next two years for the UK SCL.

The management and growth of the UK SCL is high on my agenda. SCL now has a membership approaching 2000 and undertakes numerous and diverse activities that need to be managed correctly in order for SCL to function. In reality, it is almost like running a small business.

For the next few months my attention along with my colleagues will be focused on the International Conference in October. It is a great honour for us to be hosting the second International Conference in London and we will have only one chance of getting it right.

I am a great supporter of the regions as I, together with the late Patrick McCriecht, organised the first regional meeting (in Bristol). The paper was delivered by John Uff (The Interplay of Contract Terms and Common Law) and was attended, if memory serves, by 60–70 people.

I wish to explore new opportunities and initiatives for UK SCL but a personal matter that I wish to take forward is the "role and performance of expert witnesses". How this develops I have no idea at present but any thoughts are welcome. Feel free to contact me on barry.milton@btinternet.com

Finally, welcome back Paula McKinley and Ian Pennicott as co-opted members of Council and welcome to new co-opted members Julian Bailey and James Bowling who will be helping to look after Junior SCL, the London Programme and Advocacy Training. Also, thanks to my Council colleagues for their encouragement and support to take on the Chairmanship. I hope their faith will continue. It's a team effort.

Barry P Milton
Chartered Building Surveyor

A Plea from the Chairman

As mentioned in my previous article, we will be hosting the International Conference in London at the Grange City Hotel (near the Tower of London) on the 6th and 7th of October. We will need a team of people both front of house and back of house to help run the conference. At present we don't know how many people we will need, or specific tasks they will need to undertake, but this will become clear as we approach the final itinerary and sort out a detailed programme.

If you feel you can spare some time to help us with this prestigious event then please pass your name to Frances Whitehead and indicate how much time you are able to make available. Apart from being part of a unique event I'm sure SCL will be able to provide you with a suitable gift to commemorate your involvement.

Barry P Milton

The Society Of Construction Law International Conference

Preparations for the Society of Construction Law International Conference 2008 are now well in hand. The full programme for the event was available at the AGM on 14th May 2008 and has now been sent to all members. And will shortly be available at www.sclinternational.org

The Conference is being held at the Grange City Hotel near Tower Bridge between the 5th and 7th October 2008.

A distinguished line up of speakers from around the world has been assembled to lead discussions and speak on a range of current topics. The conference days will be opened by Lord Justice Anthony May and Mr Justice Vivian Ramsey. Other distinguished judges involved in the conference proceedings include Sir Philip Otton and His Honour Humphrey Lloyd QC.

Attendees will be able to claim at least 12 accredited solicitors' CPD hours and the Society hopes to obtain similar accreditation from the BSB.

Places are already being booked for the Conference, the Tower Bridge Cocktail Reception on the 5th and for the Gala Dinner on the 6th, so please book early for all these events to avoid disappointment.

Please note: The Gala Dinner to be held at The Brewery on 6th October and the President's Reception to be held at Ironmongers' Hall on 7th October are open to all members and guests, whether attending the Conference or not.

Bookings can be taken online at the above web site or by completing the registration form attached to this newsletter and returning with a cheque made payable to "Society of Construction Law (UK)" to Frances Whitehead at 114 Pettits Lane, Romford, Essex, RM1 4EJ.

Queries regarding registration may be addressed to Frances Whitehead on +44 (0) 1708 731476 or email franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

There remains opportunities for businesses to sponsor the event. If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Keith Kirkwood by email at alchemybs@aol.com

President's Reception and President's Medal

The President's Reception will be held at Ironmongers' Hall, Barbican, London on the evening of Tuesday, 7th October. The Reception starts at 7pm. For those of you who have not attended the President's Reception before, it is a biennial event to which the Society always invites many senior members of the construction industry and also the senior members of the Judiciary. In recent years our guests at the President's reception have included the Right Honourable Lord Justice Auld and the Right Honourable Sir Anthony Clarke. Tickets for this event can be booked using the Conference Registration form attached (see 10 and 11 on the list).

The President's Reception is also an occasion when the President's medal is awarded to someone who has made a significant contribution to furthering the Society's aim of promoting the study and understanding of construction law amongst all those involved in the construction industry. Past winners of the medal are Professor John Uff QC, Professor Ian Duncan Wallace QC, His Honour Humphrey Lloyd QC and John Tackaberry QC.

If you wish to suggest someone you think should be considered for this prestigious award, please send his or her name to Jackie Morris admin@scl.org.uk by Friday, 4th July please. The final decision will be taken by the Society's President, Lord Justice May, in consultation with Council.

London 2012 Dispute Resolution

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) recently announced its proposals for dispute resolution. It reflects well on the standing of the Society that 8 of those named in the multi-tier dispute process are members of the Society. Two key extracts from the press release are:

An Independent Dispute Avoidance Panel (IDAP) has been set up to help avoid contractual disputes during the work to deliver the venues and infrastructure for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The expert Panel is available to help the ODA and its construction contractors to avoid any potential disputes that could impact on the delivery of the Olympic Park and other London 2012 venues. The Panel will focus on finding pragmatic solutions to problems which may arise before they become disputes that could require lengthy resolution.

The full press release can be found on the London 2012 web site (www.london2012.com).

Junior SCL: Introduction to the Basics 2008

The Junior Committee of the Society of Construction Law in association with the King's College Centre of Construction Law presents Introduction to the Basics 2008 on Thursday 11 September 2008 at King's College.

The conference will cover topics including Tendering and procurement, PFI/PPP, Standard forms, Defects, Claims and dispute resolution techniques. The conference runs from 2 till 6.15 and is followed by the Michael Brown lecture which this year will be given by Louise Barrington the new head of the Centre of Construction Law. The conference is aimed at junior members of the industry and gives an introduction to many of the key issues in the industry today.

A booking form will shortly be distributed to members by e-mail. CPD points available.

Booking preference for any of the organised Junior events is always given to those who are registered as Junior Members. If you are new to the world of construction law, then you can register as a junior member, which is easy to do, as follows:

Log onto the SCL website www.scl.org.uk using your username and password (if you have forgotten what they are, Admin can help). Click on 'Members' and then click the 'Junior members' link on the left. You will find an explanation of Junior Membership, and a simple form to register. You do not need to enter your name/details – these are already recognised by the website after you logged in; you only need to confirm your eligibility by stating that you are junior in your area of expertise.

Update on the new website

Preparations for the new website are well advanced. We are confident that it is going to be a big improvement on the current one, much easier to use, and with significant new features.

As so much of the Society's administration is integrated into the website, the building of the new system is taking a little longer than anticipated. We expect to start testing the new site in July, and to launch it fully by the end of August.

Those who kindly offered to help with testing will be contacted in due course by our webmaster Edward Peters. If you have not already volunteered, but would like to help, please email Edward at webmaster@scl.org.uk

How to register on the current website as a member

In order to get members' access to the website you must register online as a member. Registration is easy.

Go to the website homepage www.scl.org.uk click Member Registration (listed below the Member Login box on the right hand side of the homepage) and enter your details and a username and password of your own choosing. Your membership number is also asked for (if you don't know it, then admin can tell you).

Thereafter, you can simply log onto the website using your username and password. When you log in you will see a navigation link to 'Members' which is where you can update your contact details, email subscriptions and data protection information – and where you can choose to have the newsletter emailed to you instead of (or as well as) receiving it by post. This is where you can also search for information about other SCL members who have agreed for their data to be accessible to other members on the website – the total of those who have given permission is now nearly 1,000 members.

ESCL Conference 2008: Advance notice

It has been announced that the 2008 European Society of Construction Law Conference will be held in Athens on 25th, 26th and 27th September. The focus of the conference will be “Construction Law and Environmental Protection” sub-divided into the following four sections:

- Environmental Infrastructure Projects (eg, water treatment plants) – drafting of contracts and financing issues
- Environmental licensing of (infrastructure) projects
- Urban Planning and building provisions and the protection of the environment
- Environmental aspects in the award of public contracts

Further details on the conference programme and venue will be announced to members in due course.

King's College, London Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution: Certificate in Construction Adjudication for Lawyers or Construction Professionals

- New eight-month (September-April) postgraduate Certificate programme for construction professionals or lawyers who are:
 - existing and would-be adjudicators and
 - advisers to parties to adjudication proceedings
- four taught modules, covering basic legal principles, construction law and adjudication procedure
- includes a mock adjudication and decision-drafting exercises
- tuition in London on ten full days each term
- academic staff led by Professor Phillip Capper
- unique specialist library; online facilities also available
- credits gained can later be used towards the MSc in Construction Law & Dispute Resolution
- intake September 2008 – applications should be received by 30 June 2008

Applicants must have a degree and/or acceptable professional qualifications, plus significant relevant experience.

For prospectus and application pack email the Centre at ccldr@kcl.ac.uk

For further information phone Sue Hart on 020 7848 2643 or Linda Jones on 020 7848 2685

Advocacy Course

The Society is pleased to announce that it will be holding another Advocacy Training Course again this autumn. It will be run at a location in central London over five evening sessions during November/December. The course is open only to SCL members who are solicitors and will entitle each advocate to claim 12.5 CPD hours. For further details, contact vicky.lee@dundas-wilson.com

New Members

Finally, we are pleased to welcome the new members who joined the Society in June:

Francis Adetola, Lagos, Nigeria	ZulZakiyuddin Ahmad Rashid, Penang, Malaysia
Ralph Allen-Simpson, Lichfield	Maria Arvaniti, Athens, Greece
Ian Causer, Ras Lufan, Qatar	Hewa Premarathne, Doha, Qatar
Tom Duncan, London	Mark Disney, Melbourne, Australia
Anthony Dymond, London	Ian Finlay, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Victor Galante, London	Janet Griffiths, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Nicola Taylor, London	Martin Hughes, Horley, Surrey
John Lewis, London	Andrew McKenzie Smith, Sheffield
Neel Mehta, Bristol	John Papworth, Romsey, Hampshire
Monica Chaplin, London	Gopakumar Raghavan Nair, Doha, Qatar
Tracy Rose, Sheffield	Kwadwo Sarkodie, London
Alice Sims, London	Peter Heseltine, Ferndown, Dorset
Francis Wallace, East Sussex	Robert Wilkins, London
Mohamad Zumeili, Doha, Qatar	

SCL & ACCL International Conference Registration

Name:

Name & Address of Organisation

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Designation:

SCL Membership No. ACCL (Please tick)

Telephone No:

Email:

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| 1. Full attendance at two day SCL conference 6 th & 7 th October | @£650 | _____ |
| 2. Confirm attendance at Cocktail Reception on 5 th October | Yes / No* | _____ |
| 3. Confirm attendance at Gala Dinner on 6 th October | Yes / No* | _____ |
| 4. Discount for early booking. | | |
| Applies to all bookings made before 30 th June 2008 | @ (£100) | (.....) |
| 5. Discount for SCL and ACCL Members | @ (£50) | (.....) |
| 6. Attendance for Monday 6 th only | @ £400 | _____ |
| 7. Attendance for Tuesday 7 th only | @ £400 | _____ |
| 8. Additional guests at Cocktail Reception on 5 th October | @ £30 | _____ |
| 9. Additional places at Conference Gala Dinner on 6 th October | @ £75 | _____ |
| 10. Attendance at President's Reception on 7 th October | @ £30 | _____ |
| 11. Additional guests at President's Reception on 7 th October | @ £30 | _____ |
| 12. Attendance at the ACCL Conference on 5 th October | @ £35 | _____ |

TOTAL PAYMENT _____

* Delete as appropriate

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