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The Guild's Annual National Dinner took place on 10th March at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London.

The Great Room was full with members and their guests as Pipeline Industries Guild Awards were presented. The evening was rounded off with an entertaining auction by Adger Brown for British Polio Fellowship and the comedy of Frankie Boyle.

The Pipeline Industries Guild Award Winners 2009

Landbased Pipeline Technology Award
Abriox: 'MERLIN Remote Cathodic Protection Monitoring System'

- Subsea Pipeline Technology Award**
Furmanite: '18" NB Ultra-High Pressure Subsea Pipeline Repair Clamp'
- Utility Pipeline Technology Award**
'Balfour Beatty Solutions: Vertical Valve Injection Kit'
- JW Jones Memorial Award**
Graeme Davies, DNV, 'The Design of Arctic Offshore Pipelines, Ice Scour'
- Ruth Allen Award**
James Harrison, National Grid
- Ken Spencer Award**
Dr Jane Haswell

The Guild wishes to thank the Dinner's sponsors: ClancyDocwra, Enterprise, F&B, Fabricon, FisherGerman, Holleran, Laing O'Rourke, Land & Marine, McElroy, McNicholas, Mouchel, National Grid, Penspen, Pipeline Training Company, Rhead Group and Westwood Pipeline.

The National Dinner 2009 will take place on 9th March 2010. Reservations are already being taken. Please contact hqsec@pipeguild.co.uk, tel: +44 (0)20 7235 7938 for more information about the Guild awards, sponsorship opportunities and reserving your table for Guild's 53rd National Dinner.



Chairman's Message

March and April have flashed past in an instant. The National Dinner and Easter seem a long time ago and we're now well through the season of Branch AGMs. It's a period of change for some and I thank all 2008/09 Chairmen for their efforts over the last 12 months and welcome those embarking on their year of office. 2009/10 should be a year of further change as we come to terms with the hard facts of life with the economy.

Following the National Dinner in March, the use of the online questionnaire has been positive, feedback has been healthy. Your views and comments will be taken into account for future events.

The new website is to be deployed to later this month and the new look site will provide the membership with a focal point to establish contact with the regional Branches and Panels, as well as providing you with news of upcoming events and access to previous event content.

The Pipeline Industries Guild is far bigger than just those that build cross country steel pipelines but working with the Rhead Group, I have the fortune to be able to visit many of the live construction projects around the UK. Traditional spreads have opened up all over the country, albeit on a far reduced number than in previous years but I still look forward to getting out onto site and visiting the various crews. News from member organisations' projects will provide a feature for future Newsletters.

A reminder that the AGM is to be held on 16th June at our old London office in Belgrave Square. This is open to all members and will be followed by the first Board Meeting of the 09/10 year. A good turnout for both the AGM and Board is anticipated and I look forward to meeting you then.

Steve Loggie
National Chairman

steveloggie@abrhead.com

The Young Persons Network (YPN) Update



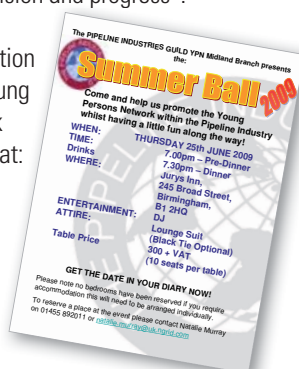
Sarah Gray

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Sarah Gray, I work for UK Transmission within National Grid and have been actively involved with the Young Persons Network,

holding various positions on the Midlands committee over the past five years. I have more recently been co-opted onto the PIG Board as National Chair of the Young Persons Network (YPN). This role will be formalised at the AGM which will be held in London during June. My main objective is to build strong foundations upon which the YPN can build and move forward as well as to support and spread the enthusiasm

for our activities in the Guild to enable members of the YPN to progress and develop within the industry. Our first strategy meeting will be held at the end of May following which further communications will be issued to keep you informed of our vision and progress".

For more information on the Guild's Young Person's Network please email me at: sarah.gray@uk.ngrid.com



Member News

PEMEX gives pipeline contract to DMGP Mexican state oil company PEMEX E&P subsidiary PEP has awarded a \$1.3 billion 10-year contract for maintenance of its offshore transport system in the Tabasco and Campeche areas of the Gulf of Mexico to the newly formed Mexican company DMGP Servicios de Integridad.

Penspen, the UK-based pipeline engineering and integrity consultant, and its subsidiary GreyStar Corporation, the Field Services Operations and Maintenance provider based in Houston, are members of the winning consortium along with Mexican companies Grupo Diavaz and Mexssub.

The tendered "System 1", oil transportation infrastructure consists of 116 pipelines, the Cayo Arcas offshore facility, the Dos Bocas maritime terminal and Rebombeo pumping complex. The work is scheduled to begin May 4, 2009.

For further information contact: Sabrina Bagarella - E-mail: s.bagarella@penspen.com

TT-UK GRUNDOMAT SUCCESS IN OMAN

Due to the increased demand for broadband telecommunications and internet access the Oman Fiber Optic Company has been challenged with the task of laying a fibre optic cable network into the major cities of Muscat and Sohar and the entire Batinah Region

In order not to disrupt the flow of traffic the Oman Fibre Optic Company decided that wherever possible a trenchless technology no-dig policy would be adopted. The GRUNDOMAT mole soil displacement technique supplied by TT-UK/TT Middle East was decided as the ideal choice to carry out this high profile project.

In order to deal with the changing and often difficult soil conditions varying from running sand, clay and compacted gravels and to enable the PE110mm (SDR11) cable ducts to be installed in just one pass, the highly powerful and accurate GRUNDOMAT 130P, with its remote reversing control, was selected by the Oman Fiber Optic Company.

TT-UK/TT Middle East prides itself on after sales service, operational training and technical support sent their Customer Services Manager, Jim Albarella, to visit Oman to show the management and workforce how to operate the GRUNDOMAT on various jobsite locations, at the same time instructing the operators how to bore successfully in the variable soil conditions.

This early project was so successful that Oman Fiber Optic Company went on to purchase a GRUNDOMAT 180 to add to their Trenchless technology equipment base.

For further details: Email: info@tt-uk.com Website: www.tt-uk.com

Midland Branch (Chairman - David Jones)

Karen Bessant of Stopaq UK being presented with her chains of office by immediate past chairman David Jones of Enterprise, at the Midlands AGM, held at National Grid Hinckley on the 21st of April 2009.



Paul Emmett of National Grid winner of the Midlands YPN Sir John Parker paper presentation held at the Ricoh stadium in March. Here being presented with a cheque for £500 by Chairman David Jones. Paul will be formerly presented with his trophy at the Chairman's dinner being held at the Belfry on the 13th of November.



Eastern Branch (Chairman - Bryan Lamont)

Dates for your diary:

The Eastern Branch invites members and non-members to their upcoming programme of events:
24th June – Golf Day at Sprowston Manor, Norwich – contact Keith Childs: keith.childs@morrisonus.com
14th July 15:00 – 17:30 – 'Wing Pipeline' – contact Dave Chadwick: dchadwick@anglianwater.co.uk
15th September – YPN Educational Day – contact Seb Kingsley: seb.kingsley@fishergerman.co.uk

Western Branch (Chairman - Phil Parkinson)

The Wales and Western Branch is coming to the end of a busy year with their AGM to be held at Wessex Water's headquarters at Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7WW on Thursday, 21st May 2009 starting at 11h00.

It is hoped to present a cheque for £12,500 to their charity, the Severn Area Rescue Association from the monies donated at the Branch's Golf Day at the Kendleshire Golf Club held on 8th July 2008 and at their Annual Dinner held at The Thistle Hotel, Bristol on 5th December 2008. Thanks mainly to the efforts of Joanna Atkinson, the latter was attended by nearly 370 members of the Guild and their guests and received only positive feedback.

In addition to visiting the construction site of National Grid's Barton Stacey to Lockerley Pipeline hosted by NACAP / Land and Marine, the Branch held five technical paper sessions during the winter at both Bristol Water's and Wessex Water's headquarters. For the first time, the Branch's Young Persons Network held a paper presentation competition that was won by Leanne Ford of Wessex Water for her paper entitled "The First Heat Cured Thermoplastic Pressure Lining for Multi-Industry Application".

Dates for your diary:

21st May 2009 AGM at 11h00
Wessex Water's HQ, Claverton Down, Bath
7th July 2009 Golf Day - Kendleshire Golf Course
16th July 2009 Visit (evening) Wessex Water site in the Bristol area
14th October 2009 Innovation Day, South West Wincanton Racecourse
11th November 2009 YPN Paper Presentation Evening Wessex Water HQ, Claverton Down, Bath
4th December 2009 Annual Dinner following YPN Training Day Thistle Hotel, Bristol
15th April 2010 Innovation Day, South West Wincanton Racecourse (possible)
19th May 2010 11h00 – AGM
Wessex Water's HQ, Claverton Down, Bath

For further details of all the Branch's planned events, please contact:
Matt Bridge

Utilities Panel

(Chairman - Jo Parker)

The Utilities Technical Panel is made up of a group of Pipeline Industry experts with experience in the manufacture, operation, maintenance, design, construction, commissioning, decommissioning and health, safety, security and environmental aspects of utility pipeline engineering. Its members include practitioners, managers, suppliers and consultants.

Jo Parker took over as chair of the panel last year with Keith Edwards as vice chairman. The panel has been recruiting new members and the membership now stands at over 20 with meetings held every 3 months. A new secretary has been recruited, Mark Davies of MWH, who works hard to keep people in touch with activities and anyone interested in joining the panel should contact him on Mark.P.Davies@uk.mwhglobal.com.

A major initiative which the panel has instigated is to produce position statements on various aspects of the utility industry. It is hoped that these can be used to raise awareness of some issues as well identify areas where PIG can be active to assist the industry.

A half day seminar is planned for September on the topic of future work in the utility industry is to be run prior to the SE area dinner in a location close to the dinner.

For more information on the panel and its activities please contact Jo Parker: j.parker101@btinternet.com

Oil and Gas Pipeline Technologies

International Business Exchange

9th-13th March 2009

UK Trade and Investment's Energy Team delivered the latest in its International Business Exchange Programme focusing on UK Capability in Pipeline Technologies.

The event attracted 30 overseas international delegates representing 24 different organisations from 9 global markets, including China, Brazil and Russia.

Working with the Pipelines Industries Guild and other partners and stakeholders including the Society of British Gas Industries Aberdeen City



Stopaq meeting Richardson Oil & Gas - Nigeria at Pipelines

Council, Scottish Development International, the delegates visited Aberdeen, London, Warwick and Manchester in a busy week which provided the opportunity to hear from UK companies through site visits, presentations and a series of one to one "meet the buyer" type meetings.

Also included in the programme was an opportunity to attend the Pipeline Industries Guild's "Challenges and Opportunities" seminar and Annual Awards Dinner, where delegates heard from speakers representing the UK Pipeline industry and networked with key UK industry contacts.

Feedback from delegates and UK companies alike suggest that the event was a great success:

“I express my appreciation and thank you for the opportunity to be part of the UKTI Trade Mission... I am sure that the meetings that were held with representatives of British companies will be very useful in the development of our business relationship.”

– I.E Glasunov, Director of Department, Rosneft

“...we met with various companies from China, Russia and Brazil at a Pipeline Exchange event and we as a business are hugely grateful for everything you and your colleagues do at the UKTI. I have been spectacularly surprised at the advice and hands on support that is available through the UKTI... we would not have a hope of achieving 10% of what we are planning to do if we were not for the support that the UKTI is providing.”

– Marc Ingram, Global Sales and Marketing Director, Orbis Group

“I wanted to drop you a short line of thanks with regards this weeks international business exchange in London. I was very pleased to meet with Sonatrach TRC... I have been visiting Algeria frequently over the last year and whilst progress is being made and relationships are being developed, finding the right people can often prove difficult, not to mention time consuming. I am sure, [this] will prove to be a valuable contact and intend to meet during my next visit to Algiers. Again, many thanks for the opportunity.”

Richard Broughton, Sales Manager, Corus Tubes.

Further information on the event can be found at: www.pipelinesibe.uktradeinvest.gov.uk.

For further information on UK Trade and Investment and forthcoming events, please visit: www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk.

EVENTS

National Underground Assets Group

Phase 2 outputs: One jigsaw delivering a national common approach - Seminar - 22nd June 2009

At ICE Headquarters, One Great George Street, Westminster, London

There are nearly 22,000 kilometres of major accident hazard pipeline in the UK. There is considerable potential for major third party damage to this network due to the estimated 4 million holes being dug annually by utility companies. And this is just projects on the street – excavations for construction projects away from the street are not included in this. The damage to utility companies alone is estimated to be £150 million, whilst to society in general as much as £5.5 billion in terms of delays to road users, business disruption and environmental damage.

Established in 2005 by the ICE, ICES and relevant government departments and supported by the Pipeline Industries Guild, the National Underground Assets Group was formed in 2005 to capture, record, store and share data on the location and nature of underground assets in the UK. In 2006 an event was held outlining the enormity of the task NUAG was faced with. Covering every aspect of understanding what and where things lie beneath our feet, this event marked the beginning of a significant piece of work. Three years later, NUAG are in a position to present their most up to date findings.

This event will allow you to:

1. Understand the latest regulatory trends
2. Engage with the latest industry trends
3. Understand the challenges and opportunities of mapping the underworld
4. Hear the view of the contractor

Who will be there?

1. Contractors concerned with the development of this project
2. Health and Safety Inspectors
3. Highways and Utilities professionals
4. Senior civil servants and government representatives

Book your place today!

To find out more about the agenda and to register your place today visit the conference website: <http://events.ice.org.uk/NUAG>

Please note members of the Pipeline Industry Guild are entitled to a 20% off the standard fee.

VISTA Seminar

June 11th 2009

A One-day free seminar on using satellite navigation technology linked to existing asset records to produce 3-D images of utilities' underground assets will take place at Sir Colin Campbell Building, University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus on 11th June from 10:00 – 4:00pm.

This is your opportunity to find out:

- How satellite technology can be more widely applied to allow buried asset information to be collected more quickly, easily and accurately from the field.
- What technology has been developed to integrate and access any buried asset records in a uniform way.

This one-day seminar will feature an interactive workshop with VISTA Project Outputs and hands-on demonstrations of technologies developed

Seminar sessions will include:

- Developing better ways to collect buried asset data
- Developing better ways to display data
- Interactive demonstrations and workshops
- VISTA – the future

Who should attend?

Utilities – water, power, gas companies, Local Authorities Staff, supervisors and managers involved in the preparation, dissemination and use of buried asset records and in the application of the Traffic Management Act.

Register on-line at www.grace.ac.uk (places are limited to 100)

VISTA is a project jointly funded by the British Government and industry, set up to develop improved technology to collect and exchange buried asset records.

Obituaries

Sir Kirby William Laing

The Guild regrets to inform the members of the recent death of Past President of the Guild 1977 - 1979, Sir Kirby Laing, born 21 July 1916; died 12 April 2009

Sir Kirby Laing, industrialist and philanthropist, had a distinguished career both in the running of the Laing Group, and in generously offering much of his time to the engineering and construction industries.

John Murphy

The Guild Board is also saddened to announce the death of founder and Chairman of J Murphy and Sons on 7th May.

Mr Murphy's vision has been the driving force behind the development and continued success of J Murphy & Sons where he maintained an active role up to very recently.

Conal Daniel

The Board also regrets to announce the death of Conal Daniel, Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Contractors, on 14th May 2009 who died at home following a short illness.

Conal founded Daniel Contractors Limited in 1994, along with his brother George. The two brothers continued to grow the business to a turnover of £200 million and the group now includes a number of companies including Land and Marine Project Engineering Ltd and Subterra.

Golf

"The only thing a golfer needs is more daylight" (Ben Hogan)

The Wales and West Golf Day will take place on 7th July at the Kendleshire Golf Club, near Bristol 08.00hrs. This is a 27-Hole Golf Day which includes: Coffee and a bacon butty on arrival and evening meal, cheese and biscuits. Requires teams of up to four Prize presentations Complimentary box of golf balls per person. Cost: £79.35 per player (inclusive of VAT) Places are limited and will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, 9th June 2009.

If you'd like to receive an application form, please contact: Katie Holliday either on her Mobile Phone: 07887 633652 or at Katie.holliday@wessexwater.co.uk



Organisation of the Scottish Branch Golf Day, Thursday, 10th September 2009 is already underway. The venue will again be the prestigious Royal Burgess Golf Society in Edinburgh. There is the opportunity for up to 36 players, playing threesomes to participate. Registration is recommended as soon as possible.



Royal Burgess Golf Club

With soup and sandwich lunch on arrival the first tee-off time will be 14:00hrs. The day's play will be concluded with dinner and prize presentations. Fees are £85.00 per person (including golf, lunch and evening meal).

To register for the Scottish Branch Golf Day please contact Les Dickson, E: les.dickson@serimax.com, Tel: 01224 765340 or 07769 743714 and copy to mary.murray@serimax.com

Pipeline Industries Guild Dinner Dates for your diary

Southeast Branch Dinner: 25th September 2009, Egham - John.Collins@mcnicholas.co.uk

Scottish Branch Dinner: 9th October 2009, Glasgow - Alison.Muir@scottishwater.co.uk

Northern Branch Dinner: 6th November 2009, Harrogate - GlynisM@daniel-uk.com

Midlands Branch Dinner: 13th November 2009, Sutton Coldfield - amey@rsk.co.uk

Wales & West Dinner: 4th December 2009, Bristol - Joanna.atkinson@fisherman.co.uk

Eastern Branch Dinner: 22nd January 2010, Peterborough - sEdgell@anglianwater.co.uk

Irish Branch Dinner: 12th March 2010, Dublin jmurphy@bamcontractors.ie

Aberdeen Section Dinner: 16th April, Aberdeen - Isobel.stalker@saipem.sonsub.eni.it

Northern Ireland Branch Dinner: 23rd April, Belfast - john.houston@burdens.co.uk

National Dinner: 9th March, London - hqsec@pipeguild.co.uk

Have you enjoyed this edition. We would like your feedback and suggested content for future editions. email Cheryl Burgess at Cheryl@pipeguild.co.uk