A word from our new Area President Richard Anderson ….

My goodness where has the time gone! Nearly four months have passed since I had the pleasure of taking up the role as our 2013/14 Scottish Area President. I hope you have been enjoying your summer and the best of our weather. I would like to thank our Scotland Area members for your continued membership and support and I look forward to meeting many more of you at some of our future events this year.

Following last year’s crammed and diverse events programme, we started this year with the National Conference being hosted in our Capital city of Edinburgh. The conference was a great success and attracted delegates from across the country from all spectrums of the water industry and our supply chain. This was indeed a great opportunity to network with a great many number of members – most of whom made great use of the social events on this year’s Conference itinerary!! Sadly our Scottish Area was not able to retain the President’s Cup for increased membership this year – though we were told it was a close run thing and we send our congratulations to our fellow members of the Welsh branch for increasing their membership by a healthy margin.

Following the unfortunate cancellation of our first regional site visit due to insufficient member interest & availability, we were able to host an extremely successful new speaker event “Meet the GMs” in May this year (more on that later in the newsletter).

Our Lunch and Learn programme has still to kick off in earnest this year, so we look forward to many more exciting social and learning events in the future, which also includes our developing Young Members Network and the annual Family Day at Edinburgh Castle on September 21st.

Our annual Scottish Area seminar at Tulliallan remains an important part of our Events Calendar and we look forward to bringing you a varied and stimulating programme that will draw both your own and wider interest from our colleagues and supporters from across the water industry. In a break from recent years form, our Autumn seminar is moving from early September to late Autumn - make a note of November 8th and look out for further updates.

As ever, the Institute of Water offers a great opportunity for fellow water workers to network and collaborate, so we welcome your on going support and contact.

Would you like to get more involved with the Scottish Area?  
We have several sub-committee’s which you could get involved with……

- **Membership**
- **Events**
- **Mentoring**
- **Young Members**

Please contact a member of the committee if you would like to find out more about getting involved!
The Carlton Hotel, Prestwick, was the venue for the Scottish Area President’s Dinner and 58th AGM, on Saturday 16th March. The AGM business was concluded prior to the Presidents Dinner, with 12 members in attendance. Richard Anderson, Veolia Water, was officially welcomed to the position of Area President and Rob Mustard, Scottish Water, was introduced as the newest member of the committee as Area Vice President. Thanks was given to two retiring committee members, Ed Gunn and Willie Henderson and to Paul Sexton, outgoing Area Chair. Attention was given to the subject of Personal Development and the committee gave assurance of support in this area. Finally, thanks was given to Paul Maxwell, who has steered the Area to a very successful year, with great energy, determination and humour. He has enjoyed it so much, he has committed to taking over as Area Chair.

There was a record turnout at the Dinner/Dance of over 230 members, supporters and partners, and the night saw a packed dance floor in front of terrific local band Waterfront. The night was sponsored by CDEnviro, RZ Group and RMS, and was attended and supported by a number of companies active in the Scottish water industry, including McCrae Training, AECOM, Scottish Water Solutions, Veolia, Scottish Water, Seric Systems, Clancy Docwra, WGM Engineering, Ross-shire Engineering, TATA Consultancy Services, CapGemini and EC Harris.

The event also hosted the 2nd Strictly Innovation Awards, which saw 19 entries, with the three short-listed finalists attending the dance, namely Hydrok UK (CWF Flushing System), Z-Tech (Mileage Management Software), and Technolog (GSM Electronic PRV Controller). Veolia Water, Strathkelvin Instruments and Scottish Water sponsored and judged the awards. Iain Washer, the Veolia Water judge, announced and presented the winners, Z-Tech, with their trophy. This was received by Luke Stanbridge of Z-Tech. The Scottish Area wished Z-Tech the best of luck in the National competition.

Paul Maxwell, the 2012/13 President, outlined the highlights of a successful year for the Institute in Scotland, including record numbers of Lunch & Learn attendees, a well attended Autumn Seminar, winning the Presidents Cup in London, and 55 new members since the last AGM. He then thanked the main organisers of the event, Kathy Auld and Caroline Jamieson (pictured bottom right), and handed over the reigns to the new President, Richard Anderson. Richard outlined his intentions for the year, and also introduced his new Vice-President, Rob Mustard.

Some great raffle prizes had been donated, including an iPad, Wii, Blackberry Playbook, several Hotel and luxury apartment stays, and golf outings at Turnberry, Gleneagles and Westerwood. The raffle and auctions for the golf raised an amazing total of £3,300, which was donated to two charities, WaterAid and Butterfly Events, a local charity that has raised over £200,000 for Cancer Research.

All in all, a great night was had by all, although some bleary eyes were to be seen next morning at breakfast, for those who made it in time!!
Institute of Water National Conference, Edinburgh
‘Water for the Future’

The Institute of Water Annual Conference and Exhibition was held at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh on the 16th and 17th of May. In his welcome to the event, Chris Loughlin, IWater President, informed the audience that this was the 68th IWater Annual Conference and the third time it had been held in Edinburgh. The theme of this year’s event was ‘Water for the Future’; focussing on what the future horizon of the water industry may look like. It is certainly an industry that never stands still with continual changes in governance, financial efficiencies, influence of customers, the environment, climate change and technology.

A passionate keynote address was given by the Deputy First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, where she complemented Scottish Water on its immense transformation and progress, with proceeding sessions covering Resilience, People for the Future, Water Industry Evolution and Customer Expectations for the Future, over the two days.

There were also third year engineers from STREAM, the Industrial Doctoral Centre for the Water Sector, exhibiting posters on their industry research.

The days events did not end at the close of the conference sessions. The fun continued on the first evening with the Saint Gobain evening held at Ghillie Dhu, a traditional Scottish styled pub, hosting a murder mystery game and on the second evening, the President’s Dinner Dance, sponsored be Veolia Water, in the elegant Assembly Rooms on George Street.

Charity Golf Day

The Scottish Area Annual Golf Charity day was held at Ratho Park Golf Club, just on the outskirts of Edinburgh on 12th June. Seven teams entered for the chance to win the Texas Scramble and the honour of collecting the trophy and a prize of a four-ball at Ratho, donated by the club.

The showers that we had experienced earlier passed on and the day brightened up with sun and a light breeze. A good day of golf was had by all with Expanded Ltd narrowly winning on a back 9 score, and retaining the trophy. Nearest the Pin was won by David Thomson and the Longest Drive by David Mair, both from the Expanded team – it really was Expanded’s day!

After a pleasant meal Kathy introduced Sandy Cunningham, who was representing Poppy Scotland, the charity of the day. Sandy explained the charity not only supports serving service personnel and their families but ex-service personnel struggling physically, financially or emotionally with life. Sandy is also raising money by cycling to Belgium, where he will lay a wreath on behalf of the charity to those that have been lost in service. Sandy also brought a signed Rangers top and a signed Joe Hart framed picture to be auctioned after the raffle.

£1116 was raised for Poppy Scotland, which is fantastic with only 7 four-balls on the day. Thank you so much to the companies who entered teams – Crown house Technologies, ABB, WGM Engineering K, Expanded Ltd, Clancy Dowcra and Veolia Water. Thanks also to those that donated prizes and to all for buying raffle tickets. Hopefully next year we will up the numbers and raise even more money for a worthwhile cause.

As always thanks to Ratho Park Golf Club and its staff.
Scottish Water – Meet the GMs Evening Event

Over thirty members, company members and guests recently attended the Scottish Area's Panel Event "Meet the GMs". Richard Anderson, Scottish Area President, hosted an evening to meet a selection of General Managers from across Scottish Water. The event provided attendees a unique opportunity to learn more about Scottish Water and how their departments linked across to one another, how they aligned and worked together to their business goals and Vision.

The five Senior Managers; Rob Mustard (GM Waste Water Operations), Paul Maxwell (GM Intelligent Control Centre), Mark McEwan (GM Capital investment Delivery), Cathie Bankier (Head of Business Change) and Belinda Oldfield (GM Regulation), attracted a significant number of attendees, all interested in hearing about the current challenges and changes ahead for Scottish Water. The audience were given a candid insight into some of Scottish Water’s current challenges and achievements and given a flavour of the external influences to their work.

In what was a new style of event for the Scottish Area, the speakers were briefed to ensure that the atmosphere and format was relatively informal and conversational in approach. Importantly, the event was a PowerPoint free zone!!

Following the initial panel discussion from each of the speakers, an interactive discussion then built upon the subject matter and gave further reference to the GMs interactions under their shared Vision which was supplemented further by questions from the floor.

As anticipated in advance, this was a very well attended event and made an excellent opportunity for members to network with and meet other members and colleagues from across the Scottish water industry. Speaking after the Panel Event, Mark McEwen, General Manager for Capital Investment Delivery in Scottish Water remarked “I really enjoyed the event, a good format”. Encouragement for the Scottish area Committee to consider similar events in the future – watch this space!

Young Members Network (YMN) Evening

Career Development – “Carpe Diem”

This session, held on Wednesday 27th March 2013, was geared towards Career Development. It involved 2 small group discussions with a full group presentation to conclude. Craig Murray discussed his experience of winning the Rising Stars Programme and how he has used this to further his career prior to completing the graduate scheme. Look out for details of this years programme coming soon! Craig Jackson discussed the Routes to Professional Registration within the Institute of Water. Craig announced that the Institute are now licensed to award Chartered Environmentalist and a new route to full membership is being enabled for those who are not scientists, engineers or environmentalists. This would involve a formal report detailing your role within the industry and demonstrating your knowledge and experience as well as a formal interview.

The session culminated with a presentation from Past Area President and General Manager of the new Intelligent Control Centre - Paul Maxwell, who told us about his exciting and varied career with some memorable images and highlighting the importance of a work/life balance.

‘Oh Captain, My Captain’ left us with a parting thought and a clip from the film - Dead Poets Society, "Carpe Diem" - Seize the Day!
Professional Registration with IWater

The Institute of Water is focussed on developing people through learning and networking. As part of that development we offer the opportunity to apply for Chartership. Why become Chartered? This will enhance your professional status, improve career prospects, have potential to earn more and employer assurance of competence.

If you are a competent practising engineer and are interested in developing your career and improving your job prospects why not consider becoming a registered engineer? The Institute of Water is licensed to register Chartered Engineers, Incorporated Engineers and Engineering Technicians. There are different pathways to registration available and full advice and support throughout the application process is offered.

Being a Chartered Environmentalist is about having the professional knowledge, experience and commitment to apply sustainable thinking throughout your daily working life. Chartered Environmentalists are drawn from all professions, so if you are committed to the environment and can demonstrate this, why not apply today?

If you or anyone you know is interested in Professional Registration then the Institute of Water will be happy to advise you, or them, on our application process. Alternatively this can be viewed on our website under ‘Career Development’

Congratulations to Rob Bradley!

Rob Bradley, a Project Engineer with RPS has recently been through the Registration process for Chartered Environmentalist. I’m sure you will all join with us in congratulating Rob in his success of being awarded CEnv status last month.

In 1997, Rob left the world of professional cooking and embarked on a change in career starting with 5 years of tertiary education at St. Andrews University. Since graduating in 2003, the subsequent 9 years have taken two broad phases for Rob; initially working directly with Environmental elements with SNH & SWT and latterly developing professional status within the Water industry.

What Rob has to say “Working in the role of an engineer with a history degree gives me a unique perspective into the different types of project I undertake. Chartership is providing the recognition that I am a competent professional. I would like to thank all those who have helped me during the application process”.

Interested in becoming an Assessor?

The Institute of Water is looking for existing Chartered individuals to assess applications.

If you would like to help industry colleagues to achieve the level of Chartered status that you have attained, then please contact Lynn Cooper on 0191 4220088 or lynn@instituteofwater.org.uk Full training will be given by the Institute on how to carry out assessments. The time commitment will not be a huge undertaking. The more assessors we have the less commitment from individuals.
We are always interested to hear what our area members are up to. If you have any news or articles which you would like to share with the Scottish Area, please send to jennifer.littlejohn@veoliawater.co.uk

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Upcoming Events

❖ 24th August: Annual Fishing Trip – Loch Etive
   Includes all equipment, bait and refreshments, starts at 9am.
   To book your place visit the Institute of Water website or contact Francesca madden on 0191 422 0088

❖ 18th September: YMN Career Event - SW Carnegie Campus, Dunfermline
   Simon Parsons, Scottish Water Director of Strategic Customer Service Planning, will be sharing his career story and thoughts on the water industry and where it is heading.
   To book your place visit the Institute of Water website or contact Francesca madden on 0191 422 0088

❖ 21st September: Family Day – A visit to Edinburgh Castle
   The event will start at 10:30am with refreshments on arrival. Lunch will also be provided.
   *All attendees to meet at the drawbridge outside of the castle at 10:15am*
   To book your place contact Francesca madden on 0191 422 0088

❖ 8th November: Scottish Area Autumn Seminar – Tulliallan
   Watch out for more details to follow!