

ICE Wales Cymru Director's Report

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This is my fourteenth year reporting to you at the AGM and I would like to record my thanks to the Chair Ken Evans and the members of Committee for their support. I would record a very difficult year for all of us and I would like us to pause and consider those who have been hit hard, sometimes tragically.

Wales Support Team

The Wales support team consists of:

Myself, **Keith Jones**, the Director

Felicity White, Administrator and Events Organiser, Felicity has now retired and

Eleanor Kelman is our Administrator and Events Organiser

Anne Denning – Wales Coordinator

Belinda Thomas Wales MarComms Executive.

ICE Wales Cymru Office

We are based on the second floor of Cambrian Buildings, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff Bay although from mid-March 2020 we have all worked from home. We had a period in 2021 when we worked in the office but we have paused those operations pending updated guidance / legislation from the Welsh Government.

Committees

I would like to thank our Committees, the Hon. Treasurer, Steve Lawrence, for his help and support and I would also to give particular thanks to our Hon. Secretary George Lance. Our north Wales Branch is very successful as are our subgroups, congratulations to all: our Fairness, Inclusion and Respect Group. the Ground Engineering Group, the Municipal Engineers Group; the Transport Engineering Group; GSAT the Graduates, Students, Apprentices and Technicians Groups, REG, the Retired Engineers Group, the West Wales and Swansea City Club

Events Programme

We have had another very busy and successful year with a full programme of events as can be seen by our online web site. These were virtual although we did manage to have a small number of face-to-face meetings. I would like to thank all speakers for giving up their valuable time and thank Felicity White and all the Regional Support Team and the committees for the smooth organisation of these events. This baton is now passed to Eleanor Kelman. Particular thanks to the presenters who had to adapt to the new format of virtual events. Sadly, we have not been able to hold Business Breakfasts.



Our National Conference programme continued with a great three day Flooding Conference in October 2021 with the Keynote address by the Climate Change Minister, Julie James MS. My grateful thanks go to the other professional institutions with whom we jointly plan these events, together with the steering group members. This conference was extremely successful. Again, I am very grateful to the sponsors of our conferences, without whom they could not proceed – and for the ongoing support for these events.

Our Awards event and Dinner was postponed but thanks to our Judges for judging the entrants virtually: - John Mather, Jarmila Davies, John Evans and Anne Denning. Thanks to the sponsors, Alun Griffiths Contractors, Ocuair, SWIET and Symmons Madge Associates. This culminated in a very successful Awards event broadcast in December 2021.

The successful THIS is Civil Engineering Photography Competition attracted many, entries, well done to all sponsors but particular thanks to Peter Burns and Mark Lewis Photography. This was of course also a virtual event but attracted record numbers.

Education / Inspirational Engagement

These events were also hit by lockdown and continued virtually, albeit on a reduced format. Thank you to our members who engaged with the schools and colleges across Wales

ICE's Voice in Wales

Our printed Members' magazine "Connect" continues to be well received and features a wide range of articles and photos of ICE Wales Cymru and subgroup events and Institution news. Congratulations and thanks to Anne Denning.

A high level of media coverage has been achieved throughout the year with coverage across TV, Radio, Blogs, on-line and in print. We had an excellent year from a Communications perspective, particular thanks to Belinda Thomas for her expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge.

Meetings with Senior Politicians etc

We have been successful this last year in meeting with senior politicians and officials. It is a particular feature of year with our Political and headline engagement, this too was hit by lockdown but continued in virtual format.

Last, but not least...

I am sure we will all continue to work in this strange world, I hope you all will keep safe and I wish our ongoing Chair Ken Evans and his Committee great success. Ken will stay as Chair for a few months.

Keith Jones, Director ICE Wales Cymru, February 2022

