

# THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS GREEK LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## Foreword

This issue outlines all the important events and actions that took place at the fourth quarter of year 2015 & the first 2 months of 2016.

## Presidential Address 2015 – Civil Engineers: Shaping ourselves and our world" London, 3 November 2015



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, Sir John Armitt became the 151<sup>st</sup> President of the Institution of Civil Engineers. Sir John opened his speech at ICE's Headquarters at One Great George Street, by telling the assembled audience, which included a host of industry leaders and politicians, what had inspired him to take up a career in civil engineering. Looking forward, he posed the question of how best our profession, and ICE itself can fulfil its role in society and remain relevant to our members.

Sir John's motivating and inspiring speech also pointed the importance of exchange of knowledge:

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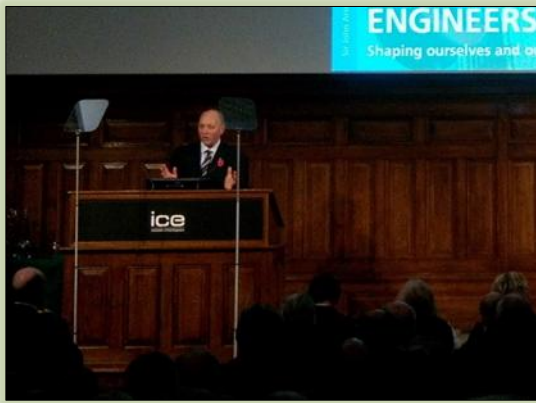
"The Institution must be relevant. The Institution must be valued by its members and by society. But that value will be perceived differently according to different communities' demands and expectations.

The exchange of technical knowledge and problem solving is the very stuff of engineering. The opportunity to share and learn from one another is a fundamental opportunity for members of the Institution. The application of knowledge to different problems in different ways, innovating on the last solution, is the bread and butter of an engineer's working day.

We can have a limited exchange with colleagues at work, or instead seek a wider exchange with fellow ICE members across the world in seconds using the Internet. This will only become quicker and easier."

The full version of the speech can be found online at ICE's website and highlights on twitter #ICEaddress.

ICE Representative in Greece, Mr George Sboukis CEng MICE attended presidential inauguration and shares some photos from One Great George Street.



Nick Baveystock, ICE Director General



Sir John Armitt, ICE President



Sir John Armitt Portrait unveiled and placed at ICE's front door for 1 year



ICE Roll of Honor 1939-1945



Drinks and canapé reception followed the speech in Great Hall



Entrance of the Great Hall.



Entrance of the Brunel Room closed after the speech



The Library



One Great George Street

## 2015 AGM and Elections, November 2015

At the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 a special event took place at Crown Plaza Hotel in Athens, the AGM of 2015 and the Elections for the Local Association Committee.

The AGM commenced with a review by the Committee of the Association's activities and status of the past year and an overview of the three-year activities, from 2012 AGM to 2015 AGM, such as CPD events, site visits, Newsletters, the ELAC 2014, means of promotion of the ICE, support & Professional Memberships of Greek members.

### SPECIAL EVENT HONORSHIP

For 2015 AGM the ICE Local Association Committee unanimously decided to honor a great member of the ICE, Mr Achille Calzetti CEng FICE. Achille served the ICE as a representative in Greece for more than 20 years as founding member and Chairman of the Local Association. Achille's life, contribution and dedication to the Scope and Vision of the ICE Greek Local Association give inspiration and motivation to the present Committee to voluntarily continue its efforts for the Civil Engineers in Greece. The small tribute was ended with a presentation of a memorable placket to Achille who accepted it filed with emotion and joy.

### ELECTIONS 2015-2018

Upon completion of the three year service of the Local Association Committee, the elections for a new committee took place. The current Committee expressed their interest to continue and serve the scope of the Local Association in Greece. Without any other expressed interest for nomination and election by other CEng members, the present CEng members unanimously voted for the election and continuation of the same committee for the next 3-years.

A new member in the committee was also elected as a Graduates & Students Representative.

The new committee is formed by the following members:

**Panayiotis Kaberis** – Chairman  
**Eleni Papageorgiou** – Vice Chairman  
**George Sboukis** – Honorary Treasurer  
**Theodosia Ifigeneia Tsoumba** – Honorary Secretary  
**Maria-Theresa Marangos** – Press Officer  
**Dimitrios Zacharopoulos** – Graduates & Students Representative

The AGM was closed with a buffet dinner for all participants.







## Site Visit at Stavros Niarchos Cultural Centre, November 2015

ICE Greek Local Association organized for the 3rd time in 3 years a site visit to the prestigious 566million euro construction project on the 26.11.2015.

We were invited to a detailed site visit inside the working areas of the new construction with the ICE members responding with a massive presence.

After a 2 hour presentation from the Director of the Construction site, all participants had a unique opportunity to walk to the inside of the buildings and visit all areas of construction. Starting from the foundation of the buildings the tour proceeded at all the areas of construction with technical discussions and continuous Q & A upon the challenges, example engineering and solutions when megastructure constructions problems appear. The high quality of the construction along with the specification of material, handling, work process and all procedures until the nomination of LEED Platinum Award provided amazing details for the participant ICE engineers. All engineers were impressed with the high level of Health and Safety measures and as the chief H&S Officer noted, "walking and working in this construction site is much safer than walking inside my house.."

The tour proceeded with a visit to the Stavros Niarchos Park where more than 1100 items of

various species of trees have been carefully sourced from various Nurseries in Greece and abroad. As the contractor informed, the trees have been transported from various areas of the Mediterranean, tagged and transported to a specially developed tree handling facility in Tragana - Viotia, where they remained and acclimatized before moved and planted to their final position on the project.

The construction is expected to finish by the end of 2016.

CE Greek Local Association would like to express a great thank you to all members of the SNFCC and the main contractor for the opportunity to follow the construction of the project.





## Professional Development Workshop: The new 2015 streamlining Initial Professional Development (IPD) program and Career Appraisal updates, December 2015

The third CPD of the “Routes to ICE Membership Workshop” series took place on Friday the 11th of December 2015.

The presentation was given by the ICE Representative in Greece, Mr George Sboukis CEng MICE and it was focused on the recent changes in the Routes to Membership that ICE introduced in 2015 aiming on simplifying the application process with less confusion but with the same required standards of achievement.

The 4 key aspects discussed:

New attribute-based programme for IPD to replace the Development Objectives.

Streamlined applications for membership. Online tool to record progress over time and be assessed/guided. Digital Submission.

One Professional Review report.

4. Enhanced information, advice and guidance.

For those already prepared or are close to submit their Career Appraisal documents, they can still use the “Development Objectives” forms instead of using the new Attributes achievement form if desired up to end of 2017.

Following the presentation, the Committee of the Greek Local Association gave valuable advice and answered all the questions and queries made by the participants. The Committee encourages all the graduate members to become professionally qualified by becoming Chartered or Incorporated engineers with the ICE.

It should be noted there is plenty of information in the new website of ICE, including valuable professional qualification webinars and guidance.

The event took place in Genecon’s office space in Asklipiou Str. at the city center of Athens with a satisfactory participation.



## New Year's Cutting Cake Ceremony, February 2016

The celebration and the traditional "New Year Cutting Cake Ceremony" took place at "The Lazy Bulldog" Pub in Athens on the 13th of February 2016.

The night was a great success and the participants exchanged wishes for a prosperous and challenging Year 2016.

*"The Engineering Book. From the Catapult to the Curiosity Rover, 250 Milestones in the History of Engineering"* by Marshall Bram was given as a gift to Mr Michlatos as a symbolic gesture to the winner of the "lucky piece of cake".

The night continued with dinner and friendly talks between the members about the previous year, exchanged wishes, and experiences from ongoing projects in Greece.





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## 2016 CPD Program

	2016 CPD Events	Date	Venue
1	<b>2016 New Year's Cake Cutting Ceremony - «Κοπή Βασιλόπιτας»</b>	13 February 2016	"The Lazy Bulldog Pub", Athens
2	<b>Workshop - Professional Development</b> , by Greek ICE LA Representative Mr. George Sboukis	March 2016	Athens
3	<b>Site Visit at Aegean Motorway</b> , by Maliakos - Kleidi Construction JV	9 April 2016	Tempi
4	<b>Offshore Geotechnics</b> , by Greek ICE LA Graduate Representative, Mr Dimitris Zacharopoulos	May 2016	Athens
5	<b>Site Visit at ERGOSE Project at Panagopoula</b> , by ERGOSE	June 2016	Achaia
6	<b>Health &amp; Safety of Tunnels</b>	July 2016	Athens
7	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	September 2016	Athens
8	<b>Site Visit at Athens Metro</b> , by Attiko Metro	October 2016	Athens
9	<b>AGM 2016</b>	November 2016	Athens
10	<b>Workshop - Professional Development</b> , by Greek ICE LA Representative Mr. George Sboukis	December 2016	Athens

\*Exact dates and further details of events will be confirmed by the Greek LA Committee via circulars to the LA Members



## Professional Development Tips

Professional Development refers to all Grades of Membership from Graduate to Fellow. Hence here are some tips for members to be up to date with their Professional Development:

1. Keep your CDP Submission Documents up to date. Templates for both CPD Development Action Plan (DAP) and Personal Development Record (PDR) (ICE 3190) can be found in the ICE website
2. Attend as many CPDs as possible. The ICE is organizing webinars all through the year which you can attend from whichever location.
3. Keep a record of hours gained from each CPD.
4. Visit the ICE website to be up to updated with the changes and developments of the ICE.

## Important Notes to All Members

1. Student & Graduate members can contact the Student & Graduate Representative of the ICE Greek Local Association Committee, Mr Dimitris Zacharopoulos, at:

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2. For the next issues of the ICE Greek LA Newsletter, we would like to remind you that you are invited to submit your article(s), to be included in the Newsletter.

If you are working on a project or you would like to cover a topic related to civil engineering that you think it would be of interest to other ICE members and would like to submit an article (approx. up to 500 words), then we would like to hear from you. The ICE Greek LA Newsletter is a great opportunity for ICE Members in Greece to learn about each other's work, specialties and share their knowledge in areas of interest.

Please note that your participation is of great importance to the Local Association.

Articles to be submitted at: [elenakipapag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elenakipapag@hotmail.co.uk)

3. The LA Committee is welcoming any feedback from their members regarding all issues in order to improve the Association.
4. The LA Committee would like to remind you that we are available to all questions, queries or help required by our members.