

Conference Tackles the Issues

The *first* BCIA Conference is going to be tackling the issues of emerging technology and government legislation head on.

Everyone is talking about interoperability: what is the latest technology, what's been proven and what has not and where do we go from here? Similarly, upcoming government legislation and European standards are going to have a considerable impact on how the building controls industry functions in the future.

These and other important concerns will be addressed at the 4th Building Controls Industry Conference (Thurs 19 May at the Hilton Hotel, Coventry) where some of the UK's most informed speakers will be presenting the facts.

Each year the Conference has grown in number and reputation. Leading consultants and contractors attended the 2003 event and we expect similar this year ***It is an occasion not to be missed.***

CPD Accredited:

The quality of presentations has attracted CPD (Continuing Professional Development) accreditation. CIBSE has studied the conference content (see adjacent panel for full details), scrutinized the qualifications of the speakers and agrees that it warrants their accreditation.



Exhibition & Sponsorship:

An exhibition area alongside the conference will ensure that exhibitors stay in touch with Conference Dele-

gates at all times. Exhibition space is already selling, so an early book-



ing is recommended. Plus we have developed a number of sponsorship opportunities.

For details of the Conference, Exhibition and Sponsorship either visit our web site (www.feta.co.uk) or contact Ann Hull on 01249 720303 or email at bcia@feta.co.uk.

PROCURING TECHNOLOGY

'Exploding the Myths'

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Part L of the Building Regulations: *how it will affect the building controls industry.* John Palmer, Faber Maunsell

- Use of IT Infrastructure within Building Management Systems: *integrating building controls within the IT infrastructure.* Steve Loughney, Siemens Building Technologies

- The XML Protocol: *the role of XML in building controls.* Terry Casey, Tridium

- Life Cycle Costings: *employing technology to achieve operational savings in buildings.* Paddy Hastings, BSRIA

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Exhibition

2:00 - 4:30 pm.

- IP Networking & IP6: *separate networks versus one network for all.* IT Specialist

- CEN/TC247 Information List: *the results of CEN legislation on a working project.* Keith Churches, Invensys & Simon Barden, Arup

- The Food Chain: *the changing role of building controls manufacturers/suppliers.* John Nicholls, Management Consultant.

Dates for the Diary

April 2005:

- 14—Management Committee
BTS, Warrington
- 27—Contracts Group
Invensys, Tamworth

May 2005:

- 10—Technical Group
Andover, Ashby de la Zouch

June 2004:

- 7-AGM Members Meeting
Touchbase, Manchester
- 8-Marketing Group
York, Manchester
- 29-Skills Development Group
Nobbs & Jones, Preston

Contracts' Seminars

Seminars Get CPD-ed

The annual seminars run by the Contracts Working Group have been CPD accredited by CIBSE.

The 2005 seminar year has already commenced. The first seminar (Pre-Contract Commercial Awareness) was over-subscribed and so a second date (May 26) has been arranged.

This year's calendar is:

- *Construction Design & Management:* Weds 11 May
- *Pre-Contract Commercial Awareness:* Thurs 26 May
- *Monitoring of Site Operations:* Weds 15 June
- *Changes to Standard Contracts:* Weds 20 July
- *Commercial Aspects of Contracting:* Weds 5 October
- *Essential Contract Management:* Weds 2 November

We are currently taking bookings for Pre-Contract Commercial Awareness (*only a few places left*) and Construction Design & Management. For more information on these seminars and the rest of the programme contact Ann Hull 01249 720303 or email bcia@feta.co.uk.