

New Look Conference



The 5th Building Controls Industry Conference took on a new look with a professionally designed stage, audio/visual presentation and Building Controls Debate with an invited 'panel of experts'.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. The theme was energy and to open the conference Richard St Clair of PRI Ltd explained the influence that Part L of the Building Regulations is having on metering.

This was followed-up by Andy Watson of Sim Energy Ltd highlighting the savings that can be achieved through metering and providing valuable case studies. And the final energy-related presentation was delivered by Bill Bordass of the Usable Buildings Trust and a primary team member of the BCIA's Carbon Trust funded project: Controls for End Users. (See page 2 for more details.)

BCIA President, Doug Robins, reminded the conference delegates of the importance of skills training and highlighted the training and recruit-

ment challenges facing the industry. He continued that the Association is now in the process of developing a nationally recognised certificate issued by a national awarding body.

Closing the morning session was Ken Gray of Performance Building Partnership who focused on the need for system installers to change the 'shape of your project'. His comment on sharing information—making use of intranet and internet for the control and monitoring of systems and collaboration of information—is one that has been discussed within the Association.

Building Controls Debate

Rod Bunn of BSRIA took the roll of MC for the debate and on his panel of experts were Robin Benwell of Hilson Moran (representing consultants), John Evoy of Taylor Woodrow FM (facilities management), Andy Nunn of Saturo (building controls systems installer), David Kitching of Siemens (manufacturer), and a last minute cancellation saw John Nicholls of John Nicholls Consultants step into the breach and volunteer to represent M&E Contractors.



Dates for the Diary

June:

- 5—Marketing at Nobbs & Jones, Preston
- 21—Management Committee at JCI, Hampton in Arden

September:

- 4—Skills Development at FETA
- 6—Members Meeting at the Village Hotel, Coventry
- 13—Technical at FETA

Modern Building Services

Modern Building Services journal is providing the BCIA with a quarterly section. The first was published in the February issue (Building Controls Marketing—different from the rest by John Nicholls), May issue (High Tech—but is it easy to operate? by Jeff Howlett) and August will focus on the results of our annual building controls market statistics.

This leaves November available for a suitable contribution from one of our members. If you have an idea for an article then please send a synopsis to Ann Hull (bcia@feta.co.uk) so that she can discuss it with the MBS editor.

New Members

Welcome to new members:

- Building Automation Solutions
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- Campbell Control Services
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- Integrated Building Management Systems
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- Marsh Systems

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As to be expected, Robin Benwell found himself taking a defensive stand for the topic ‘Do consultants add value to the controls installation?’ Similarly, John Nicholls had to work hard to explain ‘What should be the M&E’s Contractor’s Role in Building Controls?’.



Awards Ceremony was an unabashed success.

From the champagne reception to the charity prize draw at the end of the evening, the event simply sparkled. Guests showed their generosity by raising nearly £4,000 for our designated charity, Habitat for Humanity, which builds houses for the homeless throughout the world.

Awards Finale

Without a doubt, the first Building Controls Industry

A full list of the Award Winners can be found on the web site (buildingcontrolsindustryawards.com).

Technical Training Awards.....

Deemed to be exceptional technical training students by BCIA trainer, Keith Doherty, Rob Stewart, Matthew Tullett and Ian Winspear receive their award certificates from BCIA President, Doug Robins.



Rob Stewart of Building Automation Solutions
Best Results for 2007



Matthew Tullett of TAC
Progress & Achievement in a New Career Path



Ian Winspear of Shepherd Engineering
Good All-Round Approach & Achievement in a Training Forum

1,000th Training Certificate Awarded

In just four short years, the BCIA has awarded its 1,000th building controls technical training certificate. The recipient was Shaun Gilding of Trend Control Systems Ltd who was enrolled in the ‘Fundamentals of HVAC and Building Technology’ module being held at the headquarters office of Trend Control Systems Limited in Horsham.



“Who would be awarded the 1,000th certificate was a lottery right up to the end of the day,” explained Keith Doherty, BCIA Trainer, “as each module requires that the delegates pass an examination before a certificate is awarded.”

Trend Controls generously helped Shaun to celebrate this landmark occasion by supplying him with a bottle of champagne, a leather bound A5 filofax and a Waterman fountain pen.

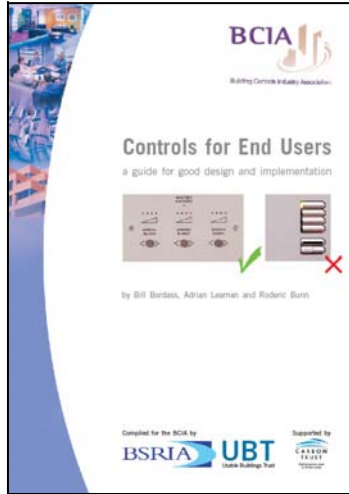
“Obviously, we are extremely pleased that the 1,000th certificate was awarded at our office,” said Chris Monson, Strategic Marketing Manager for Trend Control Systems Limited. “But furthermore, the generic approach of the BCIA Technical Training Programme and its high standard of training have led us to incorporate two of the modules in our own ‘IQ Assured’ technically proficient partner programme.”

Controls Users' Guide Gets Carbon Trust Approval

Our Carbon Trust project—Controls for End-Users—came to a close in April. Doug Robins, BCIA President, and Rod Bunn of BSRIA attended the 'close-out' meeting in London and received a "well done" from the Trust.

But that's not the end. The Guide has been so well received by BSRIA that the organisation has offered to publish it on our behalf. One free copy will be sent to each BCIA member company.

In addition, Bill Bordass of the Usable Buildings Trust, our third



partner in this project, presented a paper at the May Conference.

Training seminars are being planned and we shall be launching them later this year.

In the meantime, our final commitment to the Carbon Trust is to apply the recommendations of the Guide to a real building and report back on the savings achieved over a three year period.

So we still have a lot to do and a good part of it will provide excellent editorial opportunities in the building services and energy trade press for some time to come.

Step One: Know your Building Controls

Due to the success of our Technical Training Programme for engineers, the Association is about to launch a course specifically aimed at facilities managers and other staff requiring a basic understanding of building controls and the HVAC industry.

Introduction to Building Controls & HVCA is a one-day seminar aimed at facilities managers, estate managers, administrators, marketing personnel, and also provides an introduction to those engineers new to the building controls industry that are planning to enrol on the Technical Training Programme.

Course content covers heating, ventilation and air conditioning; primary air plant and air re-treatment;

relative humidity; cooling plant; and building management systems. As with our other courses, it is being run by the Electrical Contractors' Association.



This is an ideal course for facilities managers requiring greater general knowledge of the plant in their building without being over-technical. It will help FMs to better understand their building services plant and how the various components that make-up the HVAC services interact, normally via the building management system. With this knowledge, the facilities manager will be better equipped to work alongside their contractors in order to ensure that their contractors' performance is optimised to the needs of the building, its occupiers and their business needs.

Building Controls Industry Awards Ceremony Pictures on Page 4!

Awards Dinner is a Winner



Callum Hunter of Ashdown Controls is Student of the Year



John Evans
Comic & Compère



Richard Bush of Priva Building Intelligence is Engineer of the Year



Campbell Control Services
Systems Installer of the Year



ADT Fire & Security
Energy Savings



BMSi
Best Service & Maintenance Provider



Bill Joyce of Siemens receives the Judges Special Award



David Sadler-Smith is awarded the Frank Dennis OBE Marketing Award



Ian Ellis
BCIA Vice President



Mitsubishi collects
Technical Innovation of the Year



Doug Robins
BCIA President