The Society of Light and Lighting

Report to members for the year 2008

This report to members of the Society covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2008. A section at the end brings the situation up to date but is not part of the formal report.

Financial report

The Society once again managed to end the year with a significant surplus.

The balance of the Society’s funds at the end of the year was £67,501.28 in the general fund and £40,000 in the centenary allocation fund.

The Society is undertaking a new financial plan for the future as part of its work on the Strategic Plan.

Income

Total income was £202,133.28 made up as follows:

- Carried forward from 2007: 79547.26
- Masterclass income: 5949.00
- Masterclass sponsorship: 18000.00
- Ready Steady Light: 2422.00
- Sustaining Members: 14981.25
- Certificates / Awards: 799.00
- Supplementary subscriptions: 2118.00
- Sundry income (miscellaneous): 1865.00
- LR&T royalties: 5677.46
- Publication sales: 26754.31
- CIBSE Contribution Dec 2007: 44020.00

Expenditure

Total expenditure was £134,632.00 made up as follows:

- Members travelling expenses: 4966.00
- Committee meetings room hire: 2277.00
- Venue hire for Society events: 35964.00
- Staff travelling expenses: 3021.00
- Subscriptions and Donations: 1535.00
- Printing and postage: 16743.00
- Publications costs: 1762.00
- LR&T Consultants fees: 5000.00
- Advertising: 4546.00
- Prizes and Awards: 1800.00
- Legal and professional fees: 17018.00
- Centenary Allocation: 40000.00

Society report

Executive

The Society’s Membership Survey was concluded and analyzed in depth.

Members on the whole were happy with the way the Society is being run; they nearly all read the Newsletter and see the primary benefits of membership being the level of professional recognition it offers and the availability of technical information through publications and meetings.

However, it was equally clear that the Society has work to do with its regions and as people are becoming increasing short of time, that other mediums of delivery for information was required, particularly through email and the website.

In response, the Society is investigating a new website with more interactive features, enabling forums and electronic downloads. The Regional Lighting Representatives have been galvanized in most areas and the feedback has been positive.

Liz Peck replaced Marie Dignan as Secretary of the Society.

Meetings

The Society organised a full programme of London Sessional meetings including the Annual General Meeting, President’s Address and social evening at the RSA. Patrick Baldrey gave his Presidential Address, ‘One Voice’ and the Lighting Award was awarded to Peter Boyce. The Regional Lighting Award was awarded to Andrew Rowe of the East Anglia Region.
Once again, the London Events Committee arranged a wide-ranging programme with subjects covering the new Lighting Handbook, the Future of Road Lighting and LED Installations and Applications. Paule Constable took a break from lighting ‘Oliver’ at Drury Lane in November for a talk on theatre lighting. The Trotter Paterson Lecture was given by Tommy Goven.

Meetings were also organised in many of the Regions as part of the Regional CIBSE diary of events. These events are co-ordinated by the Society’s Regional Lighting Representatives. Any regions that wish to hold additional lighting meetings and events are encouraged to do so and should contact Liz Peck if they require additional support or wish to publicise the event.

Masterclasses

Our Sponsors in Partnership, Holophane Europe, Philips Lighting and Thorn Lighting, continued to sponsor the very successful Masterclass programme with the conclusion of the 2007-8 programme visiting Newcastle, Leicester, Southampton and Edinburgh. Speaker Iain Macrae was unfortunately enough to coincide his birthday with the Edinburgh event and a birthday cake was duly presented!

iGuzzini Illuminazione joined as new Sponsors in Partnership for the 2008-9 programme, visiting the Liverpool Tate, the Imperial War Museum at Duxford and the University of Ulster in Belfast. This was the first time the Masterclasses had visited Northern Ireland.

Ready Steady Light

Once again organised by Mike Simpson and Liz Peck, this was a record breaking year with 19 teams competing for the Technical Merit, Artistic Impression and Peer Prizes. Ready Steady Light continued its original format of a ban on ‘props’ and emphasis being placed on the interpretation of the sites.

The winners of the SLL Prize for Technical Merit were iGuzzini. The IALD Prize for Artistic Impression went to the student team from Rose Bruford and the Peer Prize was won by Speirs & Major.

Enormous thanks are due to those who organise the event, sponsor the event and provide equipment, as well as to our hosts Rose Bruford College who have adopted the event as part of their course activity.

Young Lighter of the Year

A record number of entrants posed some difficult decisions for the judging panel to choose the finalists. The finalists made excellent presentations on a range of topics, held once again at ARC08 lighting exhibition at the Business Design Centre in London. Despite being held on the Preview Day, it was well attended and would be moving to Earls Court with ARC09.

Six finalists were selected, including the winner of the Dublin Institute of Technology’s own Irish Young Lighter competition. The six finalists, who each received a cheque for £300 and award certificate were:

Matt Emery (Urbis Lighting)
Sean Halpin (DIT)
Daniel Lin (NDY Light)
Andrew McNeil (Arup)
Vasiliki Malakasi (Arup)
Emrah Ulas (Steensen Varming, Australia)

As usual, additional £250 prizes were given by the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers (Emrah Ulas) and the Institution of Lighting Engineers (Daniel Lin).

Publications

The revised and updated LG2: Lighting for hospitals and healthcare buildings was published complete with Department of Health approval.

Significant progress was also made on the brand new SLL Lighting Handbook, thanks to Peter Boyce and Peter Raynham. Peter Raynham has also been developing the revised Code for Lighting CD.

Task Groups have also been active on LG5 (Education), LG8 (Museums & Galleries) and a Guide for Licensed Premises.
Membership

The Society had 90 new members although the overall membership fell slightly to 2,003 at the end of 2008. The Education & Membership Committee are looking at ways of increasing membership in 2009, the Society’s Centennial year.

Sustaining members

The Sustaining Members scheme continues to enable the Society to provide a number of services to members and the public which it could not otherwise be able to offer. Sustaining members also play an important role in the publication development process by commenting on drafts and identifying areas where new publications are needed.

The following companies were Sustaining Members in 2008:

- Abacus Lighting
- Chroma Lighting (NI) Ltd
- Commercial Lighting Systems Ltd
- Erco Lighting Ltd
- ETAP Lighting
- Fagerhult Lighting Ltd
- Future Designs
- Garrabridge Ltd
- Havells Sylvania
- Hoare Lea Lighting
- Light Concepts
- Marlow Integrated Designs Ltd
- Patina Lighting
- Project Lighting Ltd (Dublin)
- Ridi Lighting Ltd
- Thorlux Lighting Ltd
- Tridonic Atco
- Trilux Lighting Ltd
- Whitecroft Lighting
- Wila Lighting Ltd

Lighting Research & Technology

The journal continued to attract a high standard of papers, and remains widely respected in a worldwide context. Its listing in the SCI Citation Index is a recognition of its status and the consistent quality of its content.

The Journal was made available free online to all members of the Society at the end of 2008.

The following papers received awards:

- 2007 Walsh-Weston Award:
  “Driver decision making in response to peripheral moving targets under mesopic light levels”
  Y Akashi, M Rea & J Bullough

- 2007 Leon Gaster Award:
  “Lighting for people with dementia”
  P Tregenza & J Torrington

Newsletter

Society members continue to receive both the SLL Newsletter and the ILE Journal six times a year, as did ILE members.

The Newsletter continues to produce a wide range of articles and features including book reviews, LR&T, project case studies and coverage of activities and events at both a regional and national level.

Liaison

The Society continues to work closely with the Lighting Industry Federation, the Lighting Association and the Institution of Lighting Engineers on matters of mutual interest.

The Professional Lighting Design Association supported the Society’s 2008-2009 Masterclass programme by supplying the guest speakers.

Liaison also continued with the International Association of Lighting Designers, as well as the Lighting Education Trust, the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers and CIE-UK.

Committee chairs

Most of the Committee chairs continued their roles. The Newsletter Committee’s remit was expanded and renamed the Communications Committee with Stephen Lisk taking over the Chairmanship. David Carter took over from David Loe as Chairman of the LR&T Editorial Board, whilst Ron Simons stood down as Editor, to be replaced by Peter Boyce.

Alan Tulla remained Editor of the Newsletter.
Sponsors in Partnership

iGuzzini Illuminazione
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Philips Lighting
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Erco Lighting
Fagerhult Lighting
Fifth Dimension Associates
Holophane Europe
iGuzzini Illuminazione (UK)
Lightform
Martin Architectural Lighting
Philips Lighting
Sill Lighting
Thorn Lighting
Urban Projects
Urbius Lighting
Wila Lighting Ltd
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Zumtobel Lighting

Officers and Council

Following the 2008 AGM the Officers and Council were:

President: Patrick Baldrey
President Elect: Stephen Lisk
Vice President: Alan Tulia
Vice-President Ext. Affairs: Peter Raynham
Vice-President Regions: Steve Langford
Past President: Tony Ownsworth
Past President: Stephen Cannon-Brookes
Hon Treasurer: Cliff Shoebridge
Technical and Publications Committee Chairman: Steve Langford
Education and Membership Committee Chairman: Jeff Shaw
LR&T Committee Chairman: David Loe
Newsletter Editor: Alan Tulla

Elected Members of Council:
Chris Fordham
Carl Gardner
Ruth Kelly
Helen Loomes
Iain Macrae
Liz Peck
Karen van Creveld

Regional Lighting Representatives

Home Counties North East: Andrew Saville
Home Counties North West: Manny Stone
Home Counties South East: Gary Collier
Home Counties South West: Bill Crawford
Southern: Laurie Socker
South West: Fabian le Dem
South Wales: Richard Bullock
East Anglia: Andrew Fisher
East Midlands: Jonathan Green
West Midlands: Richard Caple
North West: Brendan Keely
Yorkshire: Neil Sutherland
Merseyside & North Wales: Clare Wrigley
North East: Peter Thorns
Scotland: Tony Ownsworth
Northern Ireland: Jim Patton
Republic of Ireland: Kevin Kelly
Australia and New Zealand: Dan McKenzie
Hong Kong: Victor Cheung

Into 2009

The Society celebrates its Centenary in 2009 and kicked off the celebrations by hosting the after-show party at ARC’09. There are many events planned throughout the year with themed Masterclasses and a LR&T Symposium in conjunction with the NPL. The Society will be hosting the CIBSE Annual Lecture at the Royal Institution in September and the celebrations culminating with a black-tie dinner at the Criterion restaurant on November 18th, the exact date of the first formal meeting of the IES.

The Society will also recognise venues associated with its history by holding the AGM at the Royal Society of Arts, the venue of the first formal meeting, whilst the Criterion was the location of the informal gathering led by Leon Gaster in February 1909.

Teams entering the 2009 ‘Ready Steady Light’ competition were all presented with a small centenary birthday cake. Some of the teams even managed to use it as part of their installation while other teams took on the birthday theme with their designs.

The 2009 Young Lighter of the Year received record entries with the final being held at Earls Court as part of ARC’09. The Society will be holding semi-finals for the 2010 competition.