

## Welcome Paul

Paul Wilcox has joined the institution as membership manager. He will be working alongside Paul Brown, who has taken up the part-time post of professional development and membership adviser, and membership coordinator Juliette Mellaza.

A former university lecturer, Mr Wilcox has previously held senior training and development positions in companies including G4S and Avis. Commenting on his appointment, Mr Wilcox said: "Given my background in training, team management and working in the not-for-profit sector, I really feel I can add to ICES. I am looking forward to developing this role within an institution that values professional development and delivers a quality service."

ICES CEO Bill Pryke welcomed the appointment saying: "Paul was an exemplary candidate for the new role of membership manager. His enthusiasm and experience will be of great benefit to the institution. The whole team at HQ is looking forward to working with him."

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### Awards recognition for ICES members

ICES members have been recognised in the survey awards run by equipment distributors SCCS. Chris Preston (pictured), chair of



the institution's Geospatial Engineering Practices Committee, has been named 'most influential geomatician' for 2014. Mr Preston is senior engineer and head of topographical survey at Network Rail, and also chaired the inaugural GEO Business conference and exhibition last spring.

Paul MacArthur, managing director of SCCS, commented: "At Network Rail, Chris has tirelessly been promoting the benefits of survey both pre and during construction, which has led to new specifications to be adopted later this year."

Joining Mr Preston, was ICES member Tony Shillaker of Clear Route, who won the award for non-technical product development for the IBB1 — an accessory for target systems to aid surveying underground in the dark.

Other winners included BFK's chief surveyor on Crossrail, Stewart Harrison, for his work developing point cloud technology to display 'live' layer thickness during sprayed concrete linings construction, and Wisen Innovations for its work on wireless strain gauges and bi-directional tiltmeters.

### Approval for apprenticeships in civil engineering

The UK business secretary Vince Cable has announced plans for 22 new apprenticeships, including civil engineering. The Institution of Civil Engineers partnered with Balfour Beatty to develop the civil engineering site manager pathway that is among the new qualifications.

Director general Nick Baveystock said: "This will fill a much needed gap in provision, enabling young people to enter into a highly mobile and rewarding industry. ICE will continue to work with Balfour Beatty, other engineering companies and potential course providers, with the aim of setting up a network of training partners and employers."

### New regime at FIG

Chryssy Potsiou has formally taken on the role of president of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) for 2015-2018. Ms Potsiou, from Greece's Technical Chamber, had been gradually taking over the role over the last six months from CheeHai Teo. The UK's Diane Dumashie, a representative of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, has begun her role as vice president, joining the re-elected Rudolf Staiger from Germany, China's Pengfei Cheng and Italy's Bruno Razza.

FIG has also appointed ten new commission chairs. Bulgaria's Dr Ivo Milev has taken over the role in commission 6 (engineering surveys) from ICES representative Gethin Roberts. Eva Maria Unger has become chair of FIG Young Surveyors. *Registration has opened for the FIG working week in Sofia, Bulgaria from 17-21 May 2015. See [www.fig.net/fig2015](http://www.fig.net/fig2015) for details.*

### Duke of Gloucester's finalists announced

36 finalists have been announced for the Duke of Gloucester's Young Achievers Scheme. The scheme, run by the Construction Youth Trust, aims to commend exceptional young professionals. It particularly looks for young people who have overcome barriers or certain hardships in life, or who may go the extra mile in their work or personal time to promote the construction industry to young people or support their local community.

The surveying finalists include Ross Harris from Solomons Europe; Jagdip Hayer from Berkeley Homes; Arron Howell from AECOM; Alex Lilly from Ward Williams Associates and Dylan Shankland from North Ayrshire Council. Christine Townley, CYT's executive director, commented: "It is fantastic that we have this quality of talent within the industry and I am very pleased to be able to celebrate them with our awards."

### Enterprise hub for RAEng

The Royal Academy of Engineering is building a new Enterprise Hub at its Carlton House Terrace headquarters in London. Wright & Wright Architects won the competition to design the hub which will provide facilities for academy fellows to provide mentoring and training for engineers.

Planning is expected to be submitted in the summer of 2015, with works starting on site in October.

