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The 28th Annual Christmas Lunch

This year's Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Royal Overseas League was a huge triumph by any one's standards.

172 attendees comprising of Engineers and their guests from all over the United Kingdom and from as far apart as the North East and Vancouver to celebrate the start of the Christmas season in style.

We met as usual at the bar of the Hall of India and Pakistan at midday to enjoy a drink courtesy of London Branch, to meet old and new industry professionals and to be hounded by the duo collecting money for the raffle.



Grace was given by John O'Shea and proceedings were underway. We had just finished the main course and we were interrupted by the Italian Maître d' who informed us that the Head Chef was leaving and he wanted to say a few words to the honoured guests. We were all a little stunned when the French Head Chef started to sing an opera aria of some note and then we began to realise that when the Maître d' started to argue with him that this was not a coincidence. They were joined by a young French lady and gave a musical rendition to the delight of the audience.

It was a fantastic performance by a group called the "Singing Waiters" and the audience were enthralled, only to be told at the end that in fact Edwardo was from Croydon, Franco was from Tottenham and Cecile was from Reading. A great performance which received rapturous applause.

Winter Meetings:

January 12th 2017

Skempton Building, Imperial College

18.00 for 18.30 start

Panel Discussion; The Past, Present and Future of Corrosion

Bill Hedges, BP

Steve Paterson, Shell

Alan Denney, Consultant

February 9th 2017

Skempton Building, Imperial College

18.00 for 18.30 start

Oil and Gas Corrosion Inhibitor Testing

George Winning, Element

March 9th 2017

Skempton Building, Imperial College

18.00 for 18.30 start

Presidents Talk, Sarah Vasey

London Branch AGM

April 13th 2017

Skempton Building, Imperial College

18.00 for 18.30 start

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The London Branch Chairman, Jim Glynn, thanked the guests for their continued support and introduced the new Madam President, Sarah Vasey, who was delighted to see so many young engineers in the room and committed to continue the initiative to make The Institute of Corrosion a valuable fraternity for both young and the more established Engineers.

Jim Glyn drew the raffle and the guests were left to network with friends and colleagues to swap notes of the years Engineering highlights.

We finished the proceedings around 4.00pm and retired gracefully for a cheeky one down the Blue Posts before heading home.

It really was a fantastic function, we would like to thank all those that continue to support The Institute of Corrosion, all the those that sponsored the event and of course the organising sub-committee who pulled all this together so expertly.

As a footnote, it was noticeable there was a much better cross section of experienced and younger, male and female engineers which made for a more relaxed atmosphere and with plenty of raucous laughter throughout the afternoon. It only remains to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. The challenge next year will be how to match the excitement and networking for the 2017 Christmas lunch which will be Thursday 7th December so make sure it's in your diary.

The January meeting; a panel discussion was a huge success despite the weather and threatened tube strikes.

A panel consisting of Alan Denney, Bill Hedges and Steve Paterson opened discussion on "The Past, Present & Future of Corrosion".

Alan Denney demonstrated some of the interesting and novel corrosion problems from the past to include water filled structural steel to offer fire protection.

Bill Hedges offered some of the present issues; improving cost control, improving corrosion monitoring & inspection, reducing costs of facility piping and developing common standards.

Steve Paterson informed us the issues going forward are; Ageing infrastructure, HT/HP developments, Sour Service, Deepwater developments and colder climates. The future trends are; to use Carbon Steel instead of CRA, selection of materials for sour/cold climate and the development of self-healing visco-elastic coatings

