

Annual Conference

Wednesday 24 June 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Birmingham B1 1HH

9.50am	Chairman's opening remarks
10.00am	<p>Schools Testing Good Practice Guide</p> <p>The Good Practice Guide was published in 2011 and an updated edition taking account of the changes in the new BB93 will be published on the ANC website before the conference. This session will outline the changes as well as setting out the Schools Testing Scheme.</p>
11.00am	Coffee and Tea break
11.15am	<p>Acoustics of schools: a design guide</p> <p>BB93 refers to the design guide which on publication, will supersede sections 2 to 7 of Building Bulletin 93 (2003). The guide has been drafted by ANC and IOA members and will be published as an electronic document available on both organisations websites. In this session, the drafting panel will comment on the main changes and explain how the guide should be used.</p>
12.45pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	<p>Planning & Noise – professional practice guidance</p> <p>For the last year, representatives of ANC, CIEH and IOA have been drafting Professional Practice Guidance (ProPG): Planning & Noise Part 1: New Residential Development. This seeks to provide practical support to: assist, and increase the consistency of, plan making and decision taking whilst remaining aligned with Government planning and noise policy. The draft ProPG is due to go to consultation and this session will provide the first opportunity to outline the key points and the approach taken.</p>
2.45pm	Coffee and Tea break
3.00pm	<p>Acoustic Awards 2015: A series of presentations by the shortlisted entrants</p> <p>Hear about some of the varied and challenging projects. Vote for the best presentation.</p>
4.30pm	ANC AGM
5.00pm	Conference Closes

Venue

Easily accessible from Birmingham New Street Station. Pay Car Parking available immediately adjacent. <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/birmingham/bhxct/hoteldetail>
Overnight accommodation available at £118 B&B. Book direct quoting code "AN2" on 0121 224 5018 or email reservations@cpbhamcity.com to obtain the preferential rate.

Bookings

£125 plus VAT per person = £150, additional places from same organisation at £100 plus VAT +£120. The conference fee covers all refreshments including buffet lunch. Please complete the booking form and return with your payment or purchase order instructions. Please note that payment becomes due on booking and no refunds will be made for cancellations less than 14 days before the date of the event or non-attendance. Substitutions may be made at any time.

Awards

The Awards promote and recognise excellence among UK acoustic consultants and raise the profile of the acoustics industry. This year's categories are

- Architectural Acoustics: Education Buildings, sponsored by Rockfon
- Vibration, sponsored by Mason UK
- Architectural Acoustics: Commercial Buildings, sponsored by Ecophon
- Sound Insulation, sponsored by CMS Danskin
- Environmental Noise, sponsored by Cirrus Environmental

In addition there will be a prize for the best presentation by a shortlisted entrant.

Shortlist

The shortlisted entrants will give a brief outline of their project at the final session of the conference. The Awards are looking for examples of work that display innovation, and originality in acoustic design or approach to a particular project. Details of the shortlist will appear on the website <http://www.association-of-noise-consultants.co.uk/awards-2015>

Winners

The Awards winners will be announced at a presentation dinner on Wednesday 24th June 2015. Awards will be presented by Philippa Forrester, author, radio and television presenter including Tomorrow's World and Robot Wars.

Timings

7.00pm Drinks Reception – sponsored by Ecophon

7.30pm Dinner

9.30pm Presentation

Cost

AWARDS DINNER £60 plus VAT per person = £72

The dinner fee covers meal including wine on the table. Please complete the relevant section of the conference booking form and return with your payment or purchase order instructions. Please note that payment becomes due on booking and no refunds will be made for cancellations less than 14 days before the date of the event or non-attendance. Substitutions may be made at any time.