



274th Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley
Branch held on 19th February 2018 at the
University of Reading

Members present: David Armstrong, Nick Bathurst, Paul Beaumont, Jane Brown, Colin Clark, Charlie Cribbes, Alan Curtiss, Howard De Silva, Hem Dias, Sarah Dickson, Jonathan Ely, Joe Fullbrook, Tim Gassick, Laura Graure, Tracy Hawkins, David Heath, Nadine Hodgson, Tony Horsfall, Rasib Hussain, Kevin Isles, Grahame Jamieson, Gam Jhutti, Colin Johnson, Duncan Kerr, Zusanna Lalanne, Julian Marks, Nick Marsh, Brian Middlemiss, Dean Middlemore, Paul Mrozowski, Richard Mumford, Kelly Nicoll, Matthew OJ, Graham Parker, Tyrone Partridge, Bernadette Prosser, Jim Prowse, Steve Pulling, Steve Rogers Aline Manot Ronceray, Gill Saunders, John Steed, Chris Stops, Greg Szurek, Leeroy Thompson, Steve Turner, Dave Westover, Andrea White, Russell Wilkinson, Chris Williamson, Tom Wilson.

Apologies for absence: Vince Butler, Mark Donald. Rebecca Russell

Visitors: Jasmine Chapman, Jack Hodgson, Martin Ronceray
The minutes of the previous meeting on 11th December 2017 were accepted.

Matters arising : none

Members questions and anecdotes.

The EU commission has revised the exposure levels of a number of cancer causing agents, notably respirable crystalline silica (RCS). The new EU (OEL) known as the WEL in UK is 0.1 mg/m³ from January 2018. All RCS containing materials will now have to be labelled as carcinogens and all member states must comply by 2020.

A member asked if anyone has completed a EMF risk assessment. The secretary thought the Rutherford Appleton lab at Harwell will have some due to massive electricity consumption by the lasers and accelerators.

A member asked if all IOSH groups were as inactive as the one he belongs to. Graham Parker said that some were active, some less so. It depends on the enthusiasm of the organising committee. Also they are countrywide, so some events could be far away, making them less attractive.

A member commented on the poor quality of risk assessments of sports clubs, as an example the local LTA clubs. The problem is that officials / committees don't know how to do a RA and often they are a tick box with much of it already filled in by the 'parent' organisation. The speakers suggested any club / society if they have public liability insurance should ask their insurers for help (insurers have a vested interest to make sure activities are safe.

Council update : Steve Pulling, our new Council rep, reported that he attended his first IOSH council meeting recently. The most important issue for all of us, is the need to maintain our CPD record, otherwise we could be revoked back to Affiliate.

Forthcoming meetings :

14th March (afternoon) Asbestos. Note the NTTL launch takes place in April so this talk will be pre-launch

19th March (evening) ISO 45001

The Branch AGM will take place on 16th April 2018 at Reading University.

Topics for the evening: Claims defensibility.

Speakers : Simon Cutmore and Chris Moore of ICB Group.

Their slides are in the document library of the Thames Valley branch microsite.

Reply to: David Heath, Branch Secretary

Heath410@btinternet.com Tel: 01628 634523