



300th Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley Branch
held on 18th May 2020 via Zoom

Members present: Alastair Baker, Nick Bathurst, Colin Behan, Martin Botha, Jane Brown, Claire Butler, Vince Butler, Natalia Christenson, John Cleland, Mark Cummins, Alan Curtiss, Graham Dandridge, Ciaran Delaney, Howard De Silva, Sue Everall, James Ford, Sonni Gopal, David Heath, Shirley Hoskins, Kevin Isles, Lynda Jones, Colin Johnson, Zuzanna LaLanne, Bridget Leathley, Julian Marks, Dean Middlemore, Kelly Nichols, Andrew Panting, Shirley Parsons, Tyrone Partridge, Karl Petre, Mark Polley, Olivia Post, Andrew Price, Jim Prowse, Steve Rogers, Adrian Rudge, Rebecca Russell, Martin Sole, John Steed, Chris Stops, Moya Taylor, Leeroy Thompson, Jen Toner, Lee Whales, Chris Williamson Tom Wilson, Angela Woods.

Apologies : Paul Beaumont, Laura Graure

Members forum

A member asked about the advice given out by the government on Monday regarding the wearing of face coverings in enclosed spaces versus face masks. Advice was in workplaces we should always adopt the hierarchy of controls with PPE as the last resort, based on a risk assessment. So elimination or substitution is not a viable option, we need to adopt engineering controls, maybe increased ventilation, then administrative controls / social distancing / hand and surface sanitisation and lastly PPE. To protect each individual worker, if the former are not practical, then the mask should be a FFP3 and the wearer must undergo a fit test / training to make sure it is suitable.

The members present then viewed one of the winning films from the 2020 National Film & Television School submitted by the students as part of their masters degree. This year the judges reviewed the risk assessments in 4 categories : Fiction, Documentary, Science & Natural History and TV entertainment. The winner in the fiction category was 'Stratum Deep' about an accident in a coal mine about to be closed and the personal interactions of the miners, including a father and son.

Other examples of the students work, many of which were judged by us in previous years can be previewed at <http://screeningroom.nfts.co.uk/>

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