

The Institution of Fire Engineers Registrants Group (Australia) – Peer Reviewing and Interviewing Training Event

In the past Australia Branch members applications for Engineering Council registration for CEng, IEng and EngTech were processed and assessed by IFE HQ in the UK with candidates who advanced to Peer Review Interview (PRI) having to journey to the UK to be interviewed.

In 2009 the Australian Branch formed an IFE Registrants Group (IFERG Aust) which is closely linked to the IFERG in the UK. This Group mirrors the process in the UK to the point that the Australian Branch have now appointed a registrants group director, Ray Manser CEng FIFireE, to the Board of IFE Australia. Ray also sits on the IFE Registrants Group Membership Committee and the Individual Route Panel. Representation on these committees provides a conduit to the International IFERG and ensures consistency with the functions, policies and the process of IFERG and the Engineering Council.

The expansion of IFERG to Australia has recently been assisted by the International President, Mr John Woodcock CEng FIFireE, who facilitated the training of 6 Australia Branch CEng members who into the future will conduct the Peer Review Interviews in Australia. In the past applications for registration with the Engineering Council through the IFE for CEng, IEng and EngTech were processed and assessed in the UK with candidates having to journey to the UK to be interviewed. In accordance with the Engineering Council requirements the application assessment process will remain in the UK however the peer review interview of applicants for registration can now be carried out in Australia.

Already the Australian Branch has seen an increase in membership because of this initiative and it is hoped other Branches of the IFE will follow this model which will promote the IFE as a truly International Organisation for Fire Engineering Professionals.

6 Chartered Engineers and IFE members (MIFireE and FIFireE) from the IFE Australian Branch completed the Peer Reviewing and Interview training on 9 November 2010. For more details regarding becoming registered please contact Gill Haynes on gill.haynes@ife.org.uk, tel +44 1608 812583 or Ray Manser on the details below.

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