

UKIEG AGM 2012 Minutes

Department of Health, Skipton House, London, 22nd Feb 2012

Started at 12.30pm

Present: Chair (Paul Harrison), 4 committee members (Derrick Crump, Isabella Myers, Sean Semple and Karen Galea) and approximately UKIEG 60 members.

PH indicated that he was standing in for the current UKIEG chair, Professor Jon Ayres (unable to attend due to illness), and for the vice-chair, Dr Marcella Ucci (currently on maternity leave).

1. Welcome and chairman's report

Developments in the past year include:

- Website up and running and hosted by the University of Aberdeen. Any ideas for revision or material to post on the website should be sent to any of the committee members.
- Regular newsletters now being produced with special thanks to Isabella Myers for her hard work on production.
- Organising this annual scientific conference in collaboration with GHA.
- Group now has 200 members; biologists, medics, toxicologists, architects, ventilation engineers and many other disciplines.

2. Status of committee membership

- Jon Ayres- Chairman
- Marcella Ucci- vice chairman
- Isabella Mysers- membership secretary
- Paul Harrison
- Nicola Carslaw
- Derek Clements-Croome
- Derrick Crump
- Sean Semple
- Karen Galea- co-opted in February 2012

Paul Harrison and Isabella Myers have both completed 3-year terms since their election.

Their re-election to the committee was proposed by SS and seconded by DC.

Karen Galea's full membership of the committee was formalised with PH proposing and IM seconding her election.

Anyone wishing to become involved in assisting the UKIEG and serving on the committee should please contact any committee member in the coming weeks.

3. Topic of next conference

A number of possible topics for the 2013 meeting were explored and briefly discussed. These included the following:

- Isolation rooms in healthcare/operating rooms
- Healthy building materials
- Lighting and light

- Impact of zero carbon on IEQ
- Effects of IAQ on the brain
- Waste recycling as a building material
- Standard for population assessment of indoor air hazards
- Early years impacts
- Adaptations to existing housing
- Natural ventilation vs MVHR
- Nanoparticles
- In-vehicle environments
- Perceptions of indoor air quality
- Obesity and indoor environments
- Research in developing countries
- Sources of research funding
- UK ventilation regulations- targeting class 4. Does the base rate of 0.3l/s/m² need updating?
- Inequalities
- Performance and productivity in the Indoor Environment. Economic costs and burden of improving housing stock.
- Sick building syndrome - where are we now?
- Guidelines for indoor PM
- Noise and vibration.

PH recommended that the final decision be made by circulating these thoughts in a note to members to allow email discussion and an opportunity to express their preferences; committee will meet and review once this has been done.

4. Venue for next conference

- No immediate response or offers of a suitable location.
- PH suggested that if anyone with thoughts could contact the committee in the coming weeks. Please think hard if you can volunteer.
- Some discussion on timing- November or February are generally good. February 2013 accepted as being ideal. Next meeting will be the UKIEG's 10th anniversary and 10th meeting.

5. Future directions and motions from the floor

- Suggestion that it would be good to hear from the contractor's perspective of implementing measures to improve IAQ in homes. Meeting should not just be about research.
- KG suggested that an email discussion forum would provide UKIEG members with a more dynamic forum to rapidly exchange information. This could be by email or by social networking methods such as Facebook or LinkedIn. PH suggested that this should be discussed by the committee at the next meeting.

PH thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 1.05pm.