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## Special points of interest:

- Centenary Conference in Hong Kong a great success
- Republic of Ireland well represented in Hong Kong
- AE Wynn Chartered Member Exam Prize Winner is John Wickham of Royceton
- The Structural Engineer, Republic of Ireland Branch, Special Edition in August 2008
- Updates being made to Irish members database
- Andrew Mannion Structural Engineers unveil new rig in DIT Bolton St.

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## Chairman's Review



The so-called 'Celtic Fringe' in Hong Kong—a rough assemblage of those aspiring to be, or already are, Irish.

Since our last Newsletter the Branch has been particularly active. We have held a number of evening/night lectures, all of which have been well attended. Graduate evenings were held in both Dublin and Cork, at UCD and CIT respectively. On both of these occasions graduates with less than two years experience presented their work to date. The level of responsibility that these young engineers are undertaking is quite remarkable and they are to be commended on their ability to handle it. Both events were so successful that we will endeavour to run them again next year.

The evening course on Structural Engineering Design Course, run jointly with ACEI, has been a great success in Dublin. As a result it has at the time of writing been decided to offer it in Cork, running on 3 consecutive evenings com-

mencing on 31<sup>st</sup> March. The venue is the Metropole Hotel and it is being organised by committee member, Paddy Butler.

The seminar, "Deep Basements," that attracted close to 100 people in Dublin in May 2007 was offered in Cork on 11<sup>th</sup> March. The format was slightly different and the papers were in general biased towards the particularly difficult ground conditions that exist in Cork city. The seminar, run in conjunction with the Cork Region of Engineers Ireland, was a great success.

Another Cork event, which attracted almost 300 people to CIT on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> March, was the lecture given by Prof Philip O'Kane of UCC, on the Life and Work of Peter Rice. The occasion was marked by the presence of our President, Sarah Buck. This was the first ever visit to Cork by a President of IStructE while

in office. The event was accompanied by the launch of a Virtual Archive of Peter Rice's work, and both his widow and son were present for the launch. Our thanks to ARUP for sponsoring a cheese and wine reception for the very large attendance.

In the last Newsletter, I stated that I would like to offer events outside of Dublin. From the above, it can be noted that I have achieved this in Cork. I would again appeal to members in other parts of the country to propose suggestions for events that we may be able to offer in their regions.

Our Annual Dinner, held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, was reasonably successful. Numbers were slightly down on previous years but in either event the Herbert Park Hotel venue could not accommodate many more. We will be reverting to the Conrad Hotel for next year's Dinner, and it should be noted that