

AECINNEWS



Presidents Message



"I was honoured to be the first Cork elected President of the AECI.

I have been contracting in Cork for the past 30 years and I joined AECI who I knew could provide me with first class professional advice and assistance in all business matters.

It would be my aim to be readily available to contractors, especially young contractors starting out, with any help and advise I can give them.

I have special interest regarding public and employers liability insurance and I would also like to keep close touch with E-Pace and ESB matters.

I would like to see an increase in membership, new branches set up and strengthening existing branches to make us a larger and more forceful association.

In the very near future, we will be sending out a circular regarding your views on the changes that may be of benefit to the association. I would appreciate if you would take this opportunity to let us know what you think the AECI should be doing for you and the industry."

Annual Leave / Public Holidays 2003 2004

Fri	24 Oct	Annual
Mon	27 Oct	Public
Wed	24 Dec	Annual
Thurs	25 Dec	Public
Fri	26 Dec	Public
Mon	29 Dec	Annual
Tues	30 Dec	Annual
Wed	31 Dec	Annual
Thurs	1 Jan	Public
Fri	2 Jan	Annual
Wed	17 Mar	Public
Fri	9 Apr	Annual
Mon	12 Apr	Public
Tue	13 Apr	Annual
Wed	14 Apr	Annual
Thurs	15 Apr	Annual
Fri	16 Apr	Annual
Mon	3 May	Public
Mon	7 Jun	Public
Mon	2 Aug	Public

The Summer Holidays may be taken by arrangement

AECI Executive Council 2003-2004

Jack Hegarty, President
 Mattie Ryan, Vice President
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The Annual Conference 2003

This years event took place in the Marriott Hotel in Co. Wicklow and the golf was played on the World famous Druids Glen. We had a large number of participants with the much coveted first prize going to Mr. Shawn McDermott, followed by:

(V) = Visitor (M) = Member

Main Event: (V) 1st Pat Allen (v)
(M) 1st Shaun McDermott (M)

Main Event: (V) 2nd George Frisby (V)
(M) 2nd Pat Powell (M)

Main Event: (V) 3rd Gerry Browner (V)
(M) 3rd Des Kenny (M)

Class I

1st D. Tighe (M) 28 Nicky Behan (V)
2nd G. Gillett (M) 22

Class II

1st J. Hegarty (M) 26 Fergus Carroll (V)
2nd Pat Gill (M) 22

Class III

1st G. Goggin (M) 24 Niall Crowley
2nd J. Flanagan (M)

Front Nine Alan McEachern

Front Nine Noel McStay

Ladies

1st Anna Allen
2nd Eileen Gill
3rd Abrienne Synnett

Nearest the hole Paul Noonan
Longest Drive Gerry Gillett
Special Prize Kevin O'Reilly



This was the final year of involvement by Mr. Desmond Flood, as we all bid him a fond farewell on his retirement after 15 year services with the Association. The Conference weekend was a great success, thank's Des and the best of luck on your retirement.

For the 2004 conference we are going to Kilarney's Great Southern Hotel and as usual all are welcome and we hope to see you there - 28th and 29th May 2004. More information will follow in the coming months.

The Association of Electrical Contractors in conjunction with D.I.T. are developing an on line service which will allow you the member to get information to us so we may take it up on your behalf.

As part of our new President's (Mr. Jack Hegarty), strategy for the AECl we are holding a one day seminar in October. We will be sending out a questionnaire and we would appreciate if you would fill it in and return it to us ASAP as you did with the questionnaire on the conference weekend, for which I would like to thank you all very much as this information was of great importance in deciding where to hold the 2004 conference weekend.

Do you have a friend or work colleague who may wish to receive information on AECl Membership, if you do please fax or post to: AECl, McKinley House, 16 Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Fax: 01 288 5870

Insurance Claims Update

The Association had a Meeting with the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment on Wednesday the 9th July relating to the cost of Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurance.

The Department advised that the issue of fraudulent claims is at present being dealt with by the Minister for Justice and will come into effect later this year. they also informed us that they intend to introduce a Book of Quantum System to deal with compensation awards. This should lead to a reduction in the large awards made within the present system. It is also the intention of the Department to take up the issue of a No Claims System with the Insurance Companies which should lead to a better deal for Companies with a safe record. The Association will keep members informed of changes as they arise.

Consumer Alert

Product: Category of products: Electrical apparatus **Product name:** Portable voltmeter **Brand:** KANGTAI
Type/number of model: 51.103. Batch No. 11180 **Type of energy used:** Electrical

Standards or regulations applicable:

Council directive 73/23/EEC of 19 February 1973 on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits, as amended by Directive 93/68/EEC of 22 July 1993
Standard EN 61010 – Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use

Proof of conformity: No CE mark

Description and dimensions of product and its packaging:

Voltage tester with insulating enclosure, class II, electric shock protection. Transparent plastic packaging with cardboard label reading: KANGTAI.- 4 WAY MULTIVOLTAGE TESTER. 110/220/277/460 VAC/DC. ELECTRO DH. Mod. 51.103. Lote No 11181. Other indications in a language other than Spanish.

Name and address of the manufacturer:

JENSON ELECTRONICS LTD, 23 G/H Dong Mao Plaza, 445 Kai Xuan Road, Hangzhou (China)

Country of origin of product: China

Nature of danger/risk: Electric shock

Significant results of tests: Failures to comply with EN 61010-1: • International symbols not used on the product. Abbreviations AC/DC invalid. • Label does not show the manufacturer's name or brand or the model. • Label does not show the input current or power. • Installation category not marked on the measuring terminals. • Label does not include the symbol for class II apparatus. • Instructions for use are written in English and do not include name and address for technical support or category of measuring terminals. • Instructions for use do not include supply frequency, input power or current or ambient conditions. • Safety clearances between live parts and accessible parts not observed. • Attachment of the external cable depends solely on the welding. • External cable not secured by a cable grip. • Device has no overcurrent protection.

Accidents which have happened: None known

Electrical Contractors - Hired In - Plant/Equipment

We have recently through your association discussed the practice of Electrical Contractor's hiring in Plant and or Equipment from third party hire Contractor's and it would appear that not everybody maybe aware of the implications of hiring in Plant/Equipment.

The normal procedure is that the hiring company impose terms and conditions on the Electrical Contractor who is hiring in the Plant/Equipment in so far as the Electrical Contractor is made fully responsible to the hiring company in relation to loss of or any damage caused to the hired in Plant or Equipment.

Cover in respect of the material damage aspect of the Plant/Equipment is not covered under your associations combined liability scheme as it is material damage cover that is required.

The Proper insurance policy for this contingency is a "Contractor's All Risks" policy. As many Contractor's are aware under certain contract's they are obliged to carry Contractor's "All risks" cover although in practice very few Contractor's do carry this cover.

The practicalities of arranging Contractor's "All risks" cover in respect of once off hired in pieces of plant are extremely difficult not to mention the prohibitive cost factor in arranging this cover on a once off basis.

It is our intention to endeavour to try to assist Contractor's in this regard however to do this we may have to set up a separate facility for the Contractor's and we will have to write to you to endeavour to seek information in this regard.

In the meantime should you have any queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any of my colleagues John McCann, John Norton or Eddie Meaney. we can be contacted on telephone number: 01 478 3344 or Fax: 01 478 1066 or e-mail: info@hodginspercival.ie.

Yours sincerely

Guy Percival - Managing Director

A.E.C.I. Members Authorised to certify Emergency Lighting Systems

NSAI : 'National Standards Authority of Ireland' are the recognised organisation with responsibility for setting and agreeing the standards for emergency lighting systems.

I.S. 3217 : 1989 Code of Practice for Emergency Lighting, is the current issue of the agreed standards which includes design, installation, commissioning, periodic testing and certification.

Your particular attention is drawn to:

- (i) At the time of agreeing IS 3217:1989 standards. It was agreed that members of AECl and ECA were authorised to design, install, commission and carry out the recommended periodic testing and certification as appropriate (this is verified in note 1, at foot of page 39 of IS 3217)
- (ii) The format - layout of the appropriate certificates to be used was agreed, and is included in I.S. 3217, pages 38 to 43 inclusive.

Because of developments in the industry in recent times, fire officers throughout the country will only accept certificates which conform to the layout – format, as included in the IS 3217:1989 for emergency lighting systems.

AECl are presently producing certificates to meet the requirements as set out in IS 3217, those certificates will be available for use by AECl member contractors shortly.

Members are advised, that when requested to issue certificates for bars, hotels, guest houses etc, for the purpose of those establishments having their licences renewal, to ensure you:

- (i) test and inspect as recommended and that you issue certification only when you are sure it conforms to the standards set out in Is 3217 for emergency lighting
- (ii) that you use the correct certificate

Also when you are requested to issue certification for electrical installations, you are advised to ensure you test, and only certify when you are sure the installation is in accordance with ETCI regulations and is certifiable.

NOTE: Copies of IS 3217:1989 are available to members form AECl office in Blackrock

For further information, members should contact AECl Secretary, Mr. Noel Jameson on (01) 2886499.