

## Note from the Committee

Apologies for the lack of recent correspondence from the CwMAG organisation. Like many of you, we all have been very busy with our day jobs and its often difficult to find the time to update you on what is going on. Rest assured that the committee have been beavering away on your behalf, moving the organisation forward and making plans for this year's conference.

The theme and location of this year's event will be announced very shortly and will be either in Nottingham or Derby. As always, we rely heavily on your continued support and will be sending out a call for papers, so if you have been involved in any projects that you think will be of interest to the wider membership, look out for the email and send in a brief synopsis.

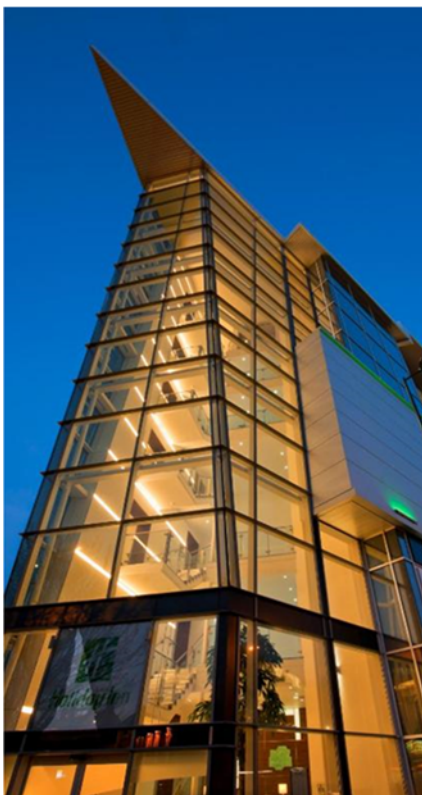


The committee meet on a regular basis and will be meeting in London next week to discuss the current issues facing the organisation. As a member, if you feel there are any pressing issues that we should be dealing with please feel free to message me via the website and we can add it to the meeting agenda.

Lastly, we are all hoping spring is on the way and we can look forward to some better weather. In water supply it's always good to have an abundance of water but fingers crossed it finally stops raining!!

Regards  
Adrian

## Conference Review



A bit of recap on last year's conference. It was our 11<sup>th</sup> conference, and for the first time ever, it was fully booked well before the conference. The conference was held in Derby, with 113 attending the main event, 86 attending the workshop, 96 at the conference dinner and 35 at the sponsored pre-conference dinner event.

It was full of excellent presentations and a great workshop, with plenty of fantastic opportunities for networking and meeting like-minded people.

You can find the papers and presentations on the CwMAG website [here](#), and some photos from the conference are [here](#).

11 great **Papers** were delivered by Iain Stevenson (Thames Water), Boguslaw Zazula Coetzee & Ximena Gonzalez Bossa (Affinity Water), Elizabeth Richardson (HydroCo), Victor Saiz (Affinity Water), Dina Almuhtadi (Atkins), Ryan Searle (Trident / Scottish Water), Evita Widjaja & James Gelsthorpe (AtkinsRéalis / Anglian Water), Purvi Madhani (Affinity Water), Ashley Upton & Andrew Aung (HydroCo), Katarzyna Chwastek & Neil Walker (Jacobs), and Sam Bingham (AtkinsRéalis).

The workshop was on **AI and its use in the Water Industry**, with presentations about AI and good discussions on its applications, benefits and concerns.

A few notes derived from the conference feedback (thanks to those who completed the feedback form) and discussions with the delegates:

- These papers were amongst the favourites: NetCreate – using digital tools to develop mains rehabilitation solutions; Pipe condition assessment; Data verification tools; and Pump design and optimisation.
- Overall, the conference was well organised, with good audio/video.
- Conference venue received good feedback, though a larger room/breakout area would have been better.
- The location was easily accessible for majority (although not for everyone).
- Conference dinner was generally good, though not everyone remembered what they had ordered!
- Subject and content of the workshop were useful to the attendees; and it generated good discussions.
- The international attendees found the conference really useful.
- Various topics have been suggested through the feedback form for future events and also what CwMAG should focus on; really appreciate these.

We always welcome to receive any further feedback if you have any.