

All Signals Green

Transport for London 15 trainee Traffic Control Engineers have passed their IHIE Foundation Professional Certificate assessment.

The trainees are from the Directorate of Traffic Operations and are training to be signals engineers. Passing the assessment which covers a wide spectrum of traffic signal control such as risk assessment, project management, spec writing, modelling, site observation, traffic management and commissioning also entitles the trainees to become IHIE members.

Korak Van Tuyl, Principal Engineer for the North Inner Signals team and part of the training co-ordination team, said, "The assessment is intensive and demanding so we are extremely pleased that all 15 candidates passed. It included a 20 page report backed up by a substantial evidential document on works they have completed on a range of schemes such as a new installation of a Pelican, VA Timing Review and Signal MODS sites and then culminating in an interview."

Two other TfL staff, John Stoker and Edward Boatman, passed the Practitioner level Certificate.

For information: www.ihie.org.uk/training/ihie-professional-certificates/

Photo caption:

5 out of the 15 trainees who passed their IHIE Assessment: From left to right: Dash Keerthichandra, Paul Bunn, Elizabeth Slack, Thomas Tompkin & Peter Gocke. Other successful candidates were Joe Bowkley, Kwame Senyah, Tracey Hudson, Helen Mott, Adam Wratten, Ravesh Permala, David Brown, Richard Booth, Ngozi Manyo-Plange and Jack Pulker.

Photo captions

SC & AJS (2)

Stephen Chandler was presented by IHIE's President with an Honorary Fellowship on his retirement as Honorary Treasurer after 34 years on IHIE 's Council.

PJD & AJS (3)

Peter Dipper receives the IHIE Award of Merit from Tony Sharp for services on IHIE Council and 12 years on the Engineering Council board.

Three past presidents captured at the June Annual Dinner in high good humour:

Gerry Harvey, Kevin Lilley and Peter Dipper from left to right.

Stephen Hardy

IHIE's Award of Merit recognising significant contributions to the Institute or industry was presented to Stephen Hardy at the South Western AGM.

During the past eight years Stephen has actively participated in national level projects informing the way in which highway design impacts on urban design. Documents that he has been directly involved with include *Paving the Way*, *Better Streets*, *Better Places*, the Scottish Executive planning Advice Note: *PAN 76 for new residential streets*, *Disabled People in Home Zones* and *Manual for Streets*.

At a local level he had a significant input into the acclaimed Dorset AONB publication "*Reclaiming Our Rural Highways*" and the subsequent seminars in which he has engaged IHIE South West.

Stephen had also had papers published on the subjects of "natural calming" and initiatives that translate the lessons learnt from the sympathetic inclusion of highways in new, high quality, urban form into de-urbanising rural roads making them sympathetic to the local distinctiveness of the landscape in which they sit. He has delivered a substantial number of presentations for IHIE, ICE, RTPI and RICS national and regional conferences.

The IHIE award recognised his longstanding involvement with IHIE's Highway Development Control Group rolling out the foundation courses and certificates. As a Steering Group member of RTPI's Urban Design Network and he has helped develop liaison between the two institutes nationally and locally.

Professionally, Stephen has been six years with Dorset County Council as a Principal Planner: Transport Planning, Urban Design & Development Liaison following 16 years extensive experience as a highway development control Team Leader with City, Shire County and County and Unitary Borough Councils together with experience as a regional engineer for Bryant Homes.

PHOTOS

Campaign for Safe Road Design

IHIE is backing this Campaign to make safe road design a national transport priority. Serious crashes can drop by more than half when roads are given a safety makeover with safety fences, safe turnings bays and good hazard markings.

The campaign highlights the excellent rate of return on local safety schemes where safer road design has shown a 300% return – among the highest in the economy. Central to its theme is the goal of “self explaining and forgiving roads” based on Swedish and Dutch policies of ‘vision zero’ and “sustainable safety”. The campaign aims to raise public awareness and understanding of the crucial role the road infrastructure plays in casualty rates and galvanise more focussed spending on inter-urban and a reinvigorated urban safety management programme.

Commenting on the Campaign, IHIE President, Tony Sharp said “As the Road Safety Foundation report highlights, what is needed is a ‘step change’ in Government targets; the funding of schemes by central government for road safety engineering AND the training of the next generation of engineers equipped to deliver such schemes.

The sums involved are large its true (£425m/year for 7 years), BUT this shouldn't be beyond our reach if we truly believe that the waste of life and cost to our communities from crashes in the UK is unacceptable. ”

Passive Safety

Donald Waller of Durham CC is looking to encourage local authority engineers to share information on implementation policies and on how passive safety equipment is performing. The UK annex to EN12767 moves passive safety onto local roads but experience is scarce.

Contact: donald.waller@durham.gov.uk

TRL gain IHIE approval

TRL's software courses for Arcady, Picady, Oscady, TRansyt, SCOOT and MOVA have been accredited as 'approved CPD' by the Institute.

IHIE short course accreditation helps ensure courses meet basic standards of course content, delivery and quality management.

Industry News

- **PPS6** on planning for town centres out for consultation on www.communities.gov.uk/planning and building site. Closing date 3rd October 2008.
- *Adapting Public Space to **Climate Change***, a new CABI briefing, argues for greener public space in urban areas.
- **Road Safety Scotland's** annual seminar 29-30 October 2008 in Coylumbridge looks at MFS, local radio campaigns, driver behaviour and training.
- Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Under Secretary of State for Road Safety, will deliver the keynote speech at this year's **Road Safety Expo** on 1st December 2008 in London. Again there is a focus on driving behaviour in the morning. The afternoon presentations look at technology with DfT's Patricia Hayes, and John Dawson, EuroRAP, among the speakers. Road Safety Expo is endorsed by IHIE.
- DfT has a new e-community to promote the modelling of '**Smarter Choices**' initiatives. The forum aims to assist in developing techniques for modelling measures such as workplace and school travel plans, journey planning, car clubs and travel awareness campaigns.
- For advice from Glasgow and Bury St Edmunds on **minimising signs and lines** by using restricted parking zones, go to the Sign Design Resources page on www.ihie.org.uk/gateway/traffic/
- **English Heritage** has published its 10 best case studies on how to remove clutter and improve street design under its "Streets for all" banner. www.helm.org.uk

Training and Development

Preparing for your Review

1 October, London, WC1

In depth advice and support in going for CEng at this course, plus IEng and EngTech.

4 November, Birmingham

Traffic Signs 2008

Annual Conference and Exhibition

10th September, Loughborough

Celebrating 50 years of our modern signing system. Latest product news on structures microprismatics etc, LTN 01/08, Chapter 3 and innovative local projects.

In association with DfT, Buchanan Computing, Atkins

Improving your skills in traffic signing

9 September 2008, Loughborough

DfT- led course to extend your knowledge of direction and warning signing and signing strategies

Traffic Signals Control: implementing the design

6-9 April 2009, Nottingham

IHIE's annual course for signal engineers on implementation and maintenance.

Fully residential. £850 for bookings before 30 January 2009

Introduction to Development Control

21 October, Manchester

Start here for newcomers to DC: An overview of planning law and policy and the role of highway development control staff.

Foundation Training in Highway Development 2009

The only UK assessed training course leading to a qualification in development management.

There will be 2 courses delivered by TMS for IHIE and SEDCE in 2009. Details available in November c.£1,800, for six days fully residential.

Road Safety Expo

1st December 2008, London

The annual safety conference and exhibition.

<http://www.publicationsuk.co.uk/roadsafetyexpo/>