

BCIA event builds on success

More than 200 people attended the 2008 Building Services Awards at the Coventry Hilton in May. The second year of this event proved highly popular with members and their guests enjoying a very lively evening.



The quality of awards entries was very high this year, and judges remarked on the efforts that had been made to ensure a good standard.

The BCIA Award winners were subject to a rigorous process of selection by our panel of judges, and were then put to the public vote through the website of BSEE, our media partner for the event.

Looking forward

Planning is already underway for the 2009 Awards, which will be preceded by the 2009 BCIA Conference.

Our theme for the Conference will be 'Save money: use controls', which emphasises the vital role that building controls have in reducing energy bills for building owners and occupants.

The 2009 conference is focused firmly on educating end-users and specifiers about the contribution that BEMS can make to achieving a good score on Energy Performance Certificates and Display Energy Certificates.

The 2009 BCIA Conference will also highlight the fact that controls are one of the most cost-effective solu-

tions for dealing with the challenge of increasing energy bills.

The 2009 Conference will include round table discussions to be held during lunch time, in which delegates can take an active role. Each table will discuss a different aspect of energy saving, monitoring, controls strategies and other hot topics. The Awards evening will begin with a roundup of the key outputs from the Conference.

We need your input

The BCIA is already building on the success of 2008 by planning for the 2009 Awards.

None of this is possible without the participation of BCIA members, so we'd like to remind you that it's never too late to start planning your entries for the 2009 Awards (the categories will be unchanged from this year).

Many of the categories for the Awards have already been snapped up by sponsors, so if you are interested in supporting the event, please contact Andrew Castle of Datateam on ACastle@datateam.co.uk.

Dates for the Diary

September
11: Skills Development Group, TAC Warrington

16 Technical Group, TAC Ashby
18: BCIA AGM at Village Hotel, Coventry

October
14: Mangement Committee, FETA Hare Hatch, Reading

November
17: Marketing Group, FETA Hare Hatch, Reading
25: Technical Group, FETA Hare Hatch, Reading

December
3rd December: Technical Working Group, FETA Hare Hatch, Reading

New look for BCIA website

The BCIA is launching its own website later this year, to improve promotion of the Association's work, as well as highlighting the important role of building controls in energy efficient buildings. The website will have a specially designed members' section, which will include details of your company, with space for information on products and services offered. This will link to members' own corporate websites.

We will also be including more news and features, to make the BCIA and its work more accessible to specifiers, the press and people interested in developing a career in buildings controls.

Launch of the new site is set for early October 2008.

Awards Winners 2008

Student of the Year

(Sponsor: Trend Control Systems)

Winner: Joe England of AES Systems

Engineer of the Year

(Sponsor: Siemens Building Technologies)

Winner: Jeff Howlett of CentraLine by Honeywell

Frank Dennis OBE Awards (Sponsor: FETA)

Winner: Ann Hull of Tower PR

Independent Systems Installer of the Year

(Sponsor: CentraLine by Honeywell)

Winner: Smith & Byford

Technical Innovation of the Year

(Sponsor: BSEE)

Winner: Priva Building Intelligence

Energy Management Award

(Sponsor Priva Building Intelligence)

Winner: BMSi



Best Service and Maintenance Provider (Sponsor: Resource Data Management)

Winner: Ashdown Control Services

Judges' Special Award

(Sponsored by Electrical Contractors' Association)

Winner: Trend Control Systems

New Energy Working Group focuses on Part L 2010

The BCIA has launched the Energy Working Group to ensure the BCIA makes a strong contribution to the consultation on the next stage of Part L which takes place next year.

At its first meeting in early September, the Energy Working Group identified this as its key objective and the main method by which the BCIA can convey a clear message linking building controls to energy efficiency in buildings to government, specifiers and end users.

The Working Group will be looking for funding to put together a document outlining generic controls strategies for buildings, with the ultimate goal that government will use this documentation to include more detail on building controls in the next version of Part L, due out in 2010.

With the introduction of Energy Performance Certificates and Display Energy Certificates due on October 1st 2008, energy in buildings is an increasingly important issue for the construction sector. The Energy Working Group will also help to channel the expertise of BCIA's members in this field out to specifiers, end users and the wider construction industry.

Sean Brook of Trend Control Systems has volunteered to chair the Energy Working Group for its first six months.

BCIA at the M&E Event 2008

BCIA President Doug Robins will chair a live discussion on building controls at this year's M&E Event Training Academy. The event takes place on 8th and 9th October, with the BCIA session on the 9th at 9:45 am.

Other members of the BCIA taking part in the discussion include Harry Swinbourne of Honeywell, Chris Monson of Trend, Steve Harrison of Johnson Controls and David Kitching of Siemens.

The main theme for the discussion is the use of controls in buildings to help building managers monitor and control energy use over time.

The M&E Event is co-located with Total Workplace Management and Energy Solutions Expo at London's Olympia venue. For more information see www.buildingservicesevent.co.uk