



International Presidents Meeting The Institute of Quarrying - 2005

New Zealand Presidents Report

Mr Chairman, fellow Presidents

Since our last meeting in Chester, It is with regret that I advised the passing away of one of New Zealand's founding members, Past Chairman and National Secretary, Tom Linnell, Honorary Fellow. Toms passing however will be greatly remembered as part of New Zealand's documented IOQ History project lunched in July 2004.

At this time the Institute of Quarrying, NZ is well with a positive membership base which we are steadily building on as students training with our NZ extractive training ITO gain qualifications and work site experience to IOQ membership criteria.

The following areas have been the focus of the IOQ since my last report.

Schools package

Recently the IOQ has been working with industry and EXITO on a Secondary Schools training package.

This package is designed as a teachers guide to our industry as part of a new Geography Syllabus. The package will also include site visits to quarries around the country.

This package is also supported now with the distribution of our industry magazine, Quarry and Mining going to all secondary schools within NZ.

Training

Over the past few months a great deal of activity has been happening with our industry training sector, EXITO as part of a board restructure to include other ITO's (waste, recycling, drilling, petrochemicals etc) these changes however have been closely monitored and challenged by the Institute who as a founding member 10 years ago is not entitled to a seat on the board as of right.

To date two SGM's have been held with the result of the changes having not being passed. With another meeting scheduled for the 9th of March. The Institute is however keen and working with the EXITO board to find common ground.

NZ's Auckland IOQ chairman, Andrew Dronjack has recently been the first New Zealander to graduate with a diploma in extractive Industries Management from the TAFE Institute in Woolongong. Australia.

Conference 2005

Our annual combined conference, next year is in Waitangi, the far north from the 13-15th of July with the theme

"Rock Generation"

The theme "Rock Generation" is about rock and the generations that have worked it.

On behalf of the IOQ NZ I would like to pass on to you all today an invitation to join us in Waitangi, to celebrate our conference in July.

Health & Safety Council - MINEX

A combined extractive Industry has recently establish a national Health & Safety Council, whose main purpose is to assist the industry to improve its health and safety performance, and provide centralised industry representation in matters relating to health and safety.

A key reason for the forming of this Council has been the recent exiting of many of the Governments Occupational Safety & Health Quarry Inspectors to the private sector resulting in currently 17 vacancies and the recent retirement of our Chief Inspector resulting in quarry sites shortly being inspected by non quarrying inspectors.

Therefore the benefits of having an industry health & safety (H&S) council will be:

- identify H&S priorities;
- provide the point of contact with government agencies on H&S issues;
- facilitate national co-ordination of safety management systems, training programmes and research;
- generate efficiencies and reduce compliance costs for employers;
- provide reliable comprehensive statistics to aid improvement of H&S performance;
- reduce the social and economic costs of workplace injuries and diseases;

- be a public demonstration of leadership and commitment to health & safety;
- enable representation of a range of interests and perspectives;
- lead the development of H&S guidance material;
- facilitate sharing of solutions and control approaches for hazards.

The MinEx Council will also co-ordinate expertise from within the industry to achieve its objectives. This will include co-ordinating the development of surface and underground codes of practice and their related standards, using as a starting point the current relevant industry documents.

The IOQ has also initiated the following

- we have recently started a series of industry lectures across the country which have been greatly received;
- Two past Chairman of the IOQ, Andy loader and George Cunningham have both been actively increasing the profile of the IOQ and encouraging employees within the extractive industry to join;

In closing the key objective of the NZIOQ over the next 12 months is to

“build on the value of membership to the IOQ”

Thank you.

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