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Chairman's Report

Editor's Report

Introduction

The first journal of the "new regime" was produced in December 2000. This was the first edition of the journal to be produced under the joint editorship of myself and Hannah McKinlay following Council's wide ranging review of services (in particular the Journal) provided by UKELA to members.

The reliability of publication had featured significantly in those discussions during 1999/2000.

Since December 2000, a further eight volumes of the Journal have been published (in January, March, May, July, September and November 2001 and in January and March (in reality early May)2002).

Obtaining Copy

It has not proved too difficult to obtain copy for the Journal from Council members or others within their firms. However with the exception of letters to the Editor, there has been a dearth of contributions or offers of contributions from grass root members.

It is difficult to know how to encourage greater participation by the membership at large. Council have agreed that we should give some editions of the Journal over to themes which could be provided by members

of working groups or regional groups. I hope that this will encourage a wider number of contributors to get involved but I am conscious that within Groups it tends to be the motivated few who participate. At the time of writing I am pleased to report that the Contaminated Land Working Party will be producing the copy for the November 2002 edition.

Topics for future themed editions could include for example insurance, drainage and flooding, nature conservation, water pollution etc..

Feedback

Of particular concern to me as Editor is the lack of feedback from anyone other than Council members. I do not know if I am giving you the type of information/topic coverage that you want or need?

Let me know!

Small moan

The frustrating thing is that many of you seem to be using me as a UKELA contact point and I find myself fielding enquiries about UKELA membership and a whole manner of other UKELA matters, notwithstanding the fact that the Journal provides information about contacts for general information and membership! We have tried to make this clearer - see the information boxes at the back!

Book Review Panel

If you would like to join a small book review panel please let me know. All I ask is that you provide your review within 4 weeks of any book being sent out to you!

UKELA INSURANCE AND LIABILITY WORKING PARTY – ENVIRONMENTAL INSURANCE SEMINAR

Seminar – on 20 May 2002 at the offices of Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7NJ

The seminar will be a panel discussion with environmental insurers and brokers.

The purpose is to educate UKELA members about environmental insurance and to demonstrate how members can obtain the best deals for their clients without exposure themselves to potential liability.

The seminar will begin at 6:00pm (registration).

The seminar proper will begin at 6:30pm followed by wine/beer/soft drinks and nibbles at 8:00pm.

Valerie Fogleman will chair the seminar on behalf of the Working Party.

There will be delegate packs with information from environmental insurers.

Fees – Members £10
Non-UKELA members £20
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REGIONAL MEETINGS

North West Region

7th May, Environmental Searches, Venue TBA

We are also planning a social event at Chester Races in the summer.

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E – LAW

The editorial team want letters, news and views from you for the next edition due to go out in May/ June 2002.

All e-law contributions, be they letters, articles, book reviews, case reports etc should be dispatched as soon as possible (and in any event by 20 May) by email to :

Catherine.Davey@stevens-bolton.co.uk

Letters to the editor will be published, space permitting

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NEXT EDITION OUT IN late MAY-early JUNE 2002 WITH AN ENERGY THEME including an article on of offshore wind powered electricity generation.

Offers of other articles on the subject of energy will be welcome.

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