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"HSE welcomes the introduction of this into the CISRS scheme... it will have a positive effect, particularly for those who may not have received any formal training for years."
Ray Cooke, Head of Construction Sector Safety Unit, HSE

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CISRS/OSTS training centre opens in Vietnam

Industrial training company AIS Training has opened a state of the art CISRS accredited training centre in Vietnam which will be run in conjunction with AIS Training's local partner Black Cat Insulation Technical JSC. The new centre will offer internationally recognised scaffolding and insulation courses.

AIS carried out its own intensive seven-day audit, prior to the successful CISRS accreditation visit. The centre has now been accredited by CISRS as an official overseas scaffolder training scheme (OSTS) centre and is approved to offer a range of CISRS courses including Level 1 Scaffolder, Basic Scaffold Inspection and Scaffolding Supervisor training.

The new training centre will be used by Black Cat to upskill and improve the competencies of its own employees, as well as servicing the training requirements of the Indo-China oil and gas and construction markets.

Black Cat employs 200 people in Vietnam supplying the oil & gas and industrial sectors, providing and installing insulation, protective coatings and passive fire protection systems via scaffolding.

Paul Attrill of AIS, said: "We are delighted to establish this new state of the art training centre in Vietnam and are pleased to now be part of the CISRS Overseas (OSTS) Scheme. This is a great achievement for AIS and Black Cat in raising standards."



Dave Mosley of CISRS with AIS/Black Cat staff during their accreditation

CISRS CPD update

Back in the UK the CISRS CPD programme has been running for just over three months. Despite some initial negativity from parts of the sector towards its introduction, the course has proved to be very popular with those that have attended. 16 courses have been delivered in just over 12 weeks at approved CISRS providers and demand for courses continues to grow.

The feedback from delegates has been very positive. Scott To of Hewaswater Scaffolding attended a CPD course at LTC in Plymouth and said: "The content was very good and it covered most aspects of our business nicely. Initially I was sceptical, we had a wide range of scaffolders with a huge amount of experience on the course yet I can confidently say we all learned something."

CISRS has collaborated with several providers including National Construction College, Simian Skill, Safety and Access and LTC Training Services to provide a series of fully funded courses and others are offering special introductory rates for the new programme.

NASC Apprentice of the Year

As we go to print, NASC is looking for nominations for its Scaffolding Apprentice of the Year award which is sponsored by both the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS).

The successful candidate needs to be conscientious, have shown a willingness to learn and develop skills and has gone above and beyond the call of duty whilst working their way through the qualification.

A trophy and £500 cash prize will be awarded to both the winning apprentice and their employer. A trophy and £250 cash prize also goes to the runner up and their employer. The winner and runner up will be invited to attend the NASC AGM at The Intercontinental Park Lane Hotel, London on Friday 24 November, where the result will be announced and they can be presented with their prizes in person.



UEG Annual General Assembly

NASC participated in the UEG Annual General Assembly in Stockholm on Friday 13th October. The event - hosted by the Swedish scaffolding organisation (STIB) - was attended by 52 delegates. UEG (Union Europaischer Geruestbaubetriebe) is the umbrella organisation for European national trade bodies in the scaffolding sector and NASC represents the interests of the UK scaffolding industry in the group.

UEG president Martin Angele (SGUV/Switzerland) reviewed the association's activities during 2017, including the UEG European Regulations Working Committee and the recent publication of practical guidelines for scaffolding contractors. He also discussed plans for 2018 including a UEG panel discussion in June, focusing on CEN TC53 and scaffolder training and noted that risk assessment guidelines would be developed during the year.

An application for membership from the Federation des Entreprises de Construction d'Echafaudages (FECEL/Luxembourg) was approved, bringing the total number of national organisations in UEG to 10. There are also 10 associate members. Further applications for both categories are anticipated in 2018.

Next year's UEG General Assembly will take place on 12 October and will mark UEG's 10th anniversary. NASC is a founder member of UEG.

For further details see www.ueg-eu.org

Delegates at the UEG conference in Stockholm.



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