

Press Release

Institution of Power Engineers

Historic engineering institution powers up for the future

The Institution of Diesel and Gas Turbine Engineers (IDGTE) has relaunched as the Institution of Power Engineers reflecting its commitment to the latest technologies and its vision for the future in the evolving power and prime-mover landscapes.

At its Annual General Meeting on 6th November, attended by senior representatives of industry, Engineering Council, Professional Engineering Institutions, The Royal Academy of Engineering and academia, the 106 year old organisation formally announced its change of name to the Institution of Power Engineers in a move which reinforces its focus on current and emerging energy and power technologies and its commitment to being the leading specialist institution for power engineers.

The activities of the Institution in recent years have encompassed a great deal more than the old name (IDGTE) would suggest with conferences and seminars on such subjects as security of electricity supply networks, fast response power plant as a back-up to intermittent renewable generation, energy storage technologies, hybrid power systems and microgrids as well as the development of reciprocating engines and gas turbines to meet these needs and to operate on renewable fuel sources.

But it is not all about electrical generation. The word “Power” is used in its widest sense to include mechanical drive, marine propulsion, rail traction, hybrid drive systems and energy networks.

Incoming President, Scott Taylor, who took up his position at the AGM comments, “This is an exciting time for the Institution and I am extremely honoured to be the latest President of this esteemed professional engineering institution. With the power world looking at the 5Ds – Decarbonisation, Decentralisation, Democratisation, Digitalisation and Deregulation - I am eager to take the Institution forward covering these pillars through our key themes of Reciprocating Engineers, Gas Turbines, Renewable Energy, Storage and Power Systems and our broad range of activities including conferences, technology seminars, our publications, the Power Engineer, and the Annual Operational Report.

The Institution of Power Engineers is industry focused and provides a route to professional registration with Engineering Council at all levels - Chartered Engineer (CEng), Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Engineering Technician (EngTech) – for suitably qualified and experienced engineers working in the power industries.

Note to editors:

The organisation dates back to 1913 when a group of engineers involved in the operation of power plant got together to form a user group and the “Diesel Engine Users’ Association” was born. Throughout its history the organisation, which became the Institution of Diesel and Gas Turbine Engineers in 1983, has maintained a strong user involvement which continues to the present time with the recent publication of its Operational Report – a benchmarking review comparing the performance of power plant in a wide range of applications and locations globally.