



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION
(European Section)

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During 2005 the European section held two meetings. The Spring Meeting and AGM was held during April at the recently opened Health and Safety Laboratories in Buxton, near Manchester. In the morning session five papers were presented. After the AGM, members were given the opportunity to tour the HSL's new facility.

At the AGM John Cuthbert formally relinquished the position as treasurer. Andrew Capon took over the position as treasurer as well as secretary as it was found that difficulties had arisen when the two functions were too distantly separated. In order to facilitate the large amount of work involved, Andrew is assisted by two administrators. Also at the meeting Jim Naylor formally resigned from the committee and Mike Williams, who had previously been co-opted, was formally elected on to the committee. The 2005 committee is as follows:

Officers

Graham Bostock	Chairman (International Board Director)
Ian Maxwell	Vice Chairman
Andy Capon	Secretary/Treasurer

Committee members

Sven Van der Gijp	(International Board Director)
Grant Richardson	(International Board Director)
Leo Steenweg	(International Board Member)
John Cuthbert	
Richard Brown	
Mark Kilburn	
Joanne Partridge	
Mike Williams	

The committee will be supported by

George Robins	(Secretarial Administrator)
Wendy Lawley	(Financial Administrator)

The second meeting was held at the Wray Park Fire Service College, south of London in December. Various papers were presented on the theme of "Selection, use and abuse" of respiratory devices.

During the year several committee meetings were held. The main purpose of these meeting was to investigate possible venues for the International Conference to be held in 2008. It is hoped to be able to announce the final decision at the Toronto Conference.

Finally I would like to thank the committee and administrators for all there work during the previous year. I also wish to thank the presenters at the two meetings for making them such a success.

G.J.Bostock

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