



**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**  
(European Section)

Chairman's Annual Report February 2009

The European section held the Spring Meeting and AGM was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March at the Arden Hotel, Birmingham, a venue chosen for its central location and accessibility. The theme of the presentations was "Biohazards".

The main task for the committee during 2008 was planning for the International Conference in Dublin. This was held at the Davenport Hotel over the period 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September. Prior to the meeting there were some concerns about attendance due to the financial climate but the conference attracted over 120 participants. There was a full compliment of papers and presentations as well as several social events such as the whiskey tasting and the banquet at Trinity College. I would like to thank all the members of the Society who assisted with the organisation and running of the conference for making it such a success.

It was announced at the conference that the next international conference would be held during 2010 in Hong Kong. This conference would be organised by the Australian section.

At the committee meeting immediately after the conference, Andy Capon officially became the vice president of the international society.

The committee at the beginning of 2008 was as follows:

Officers

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

Committee members

Grant Richardson	(International Board Director)
Leo Steenweg	(International Board Director)
Lars Ronner	(International Board Secretary)
Ian Bennett	
Richard Brown	
Joanne Partridge	
Mike Williams	
Stuart Harris	

The committee will be supported by

George Robins

(Secretarial Administrator)

Wendy Lawley

(Financial Administrator)

It was thought to be inappropriate to have a major change in the committee when everyone was involved in organising the international conference. The committee were mindful that the officers had served for several years and now that this task has been completed, have invited nominations for new officers. If new nominations are not received, the existing officers have agreed to stand for re-election. Similarly, the existing committee members have offered to stand for re-election.

The officers also request that Claire Pickering is elected as an additional committee member. Claire worked enthusiastically for the committee during the Dublin conference and we are convinced that she will be a useful addition to the committee.

Finally I would like to thank the committee and administrators for all their work during the previous year.

G.J.Bostock

18<sup>th</sup> February 2009