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Welcome to the first issue under new management. It is a daunting task to take over from Erica and hence there are two of us. Erica has steered the UK Newsletter from its simple beginnings through to the 4 page colour issue with news and views on your Affiliate that you now receive. Hopefully Nick and myself can continue to provide information of a similar level of usefulness. If you have any ideas on additional areas you would like covering please let either of us know and we will see what can be achieved in what we hope will be a continuing and gradual upgrading.

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I would also like to add my thanks to that of Erica's to Rob Wareham of CI Electronics. Rob assisted Erica in the preparation of the first 25 issues and has gallantly agreed to assist in the production of this one during the transition period while we sort out software packages etc.

2002 Annual Seminar, Exhibition and Awards Dinner in Bournemouth

The 2002 event in Bournemouth was yet another resounding success. The seminar papers were well received by the 184 delegates and these delegate numbers were swelled when visiting the 40 exhibitors by the early arrivals for the dinner. This provided the usual good forum for both business and networking that is one of the benefits of attending ISPE events.

The Annual Dinner was attended by 530 members and their guests and a good evening was had by all in the pavilion ballroom. In fact some attendees had only

recently gone to bed when the fire alarm in the Royal Bath Hotel went off at 7.15am. Due to the Firemans' strike that was in operation at the time, the Hotel had to be evacuated, even though it was known that the problem was water in the alarm system from the recent storm that caused the flooding the road outside. It will be just one more of the anecdotes of another memorable event.

The Dinner was "controlled" by the evening's MC who was a guest from committee of The Wessex Autistic Society. This organisation was being spon-

sored by the Southern Region for this event and our members and guests raised a total of just over £2000 during the evening. This has gone into the Domino Appeal which has just completed building phase 1 of a new school for autistic children (see photograph below).

**ISPE UK AFFILIATE
2002 ANNUAL AWARDS**

Fellow

Dr Barrie Thorpe
AstraZeneca.

Member of the Year

Lynn Edwards
North West Region
Ispen BioPharm

**Manufacturer
of the Year**

David Rixham
North East Region
Sanofi Syntholabo

**Supplier
of the Year**

David Drew
Central Region
Matcon



Pupils at the Portfield School in Christchurch enjoy the library facilities. The 2002 ISPE UK Annual Dinner raised funds to help this newly opened school for autistic children.

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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE NORTH EAST REGION

Michael J Byrne has been elected as the new NE Region Chairman to succeed Don Balfour who has led the region through significant growth over the past few years and their management of their first Affiliate Annual Dinner in 2000 in York. Don has retired from GSK Barnard Castle but remains on the NE Committee to give support to the new Chairman.

INSIGHT of Michael John Byrne NE Chairman

Partner - DEWJOC Partnership (Architects). Tel: 0191 2332950 - E mail mbyrne@dejoc-newcastle.com

He qualified with a BA(Hons) Dip Arch (Sheffield), RIBA and has worked in Architecture since 1985. He joined DEWJOC in 1992 becoming an Associate in 1995 and Partner in 1997 and was Joint Partner responsible for the development and opening of an office in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1998. He has acted as Project Architect and Lead Consultant on a variety of industrial, commercial healthcare, pharmaceutical and leisure developments and developed a special interest in Food and Pharmaceutical related projects. His project experience during his time at DEWJOC includes:

2000 - ongoing

Sanofi-Synthelabo, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Refurbishment and extensions of existing Pharmaceutical Facility.

2002 - 2001

University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Laboratory Refurbishment

2001 - 2000

Searle/ Pharmacia, Morpeth, Northumberland. New Packaging Room Facility

2000 - 1998

Searle Pharma, Morpeth, Northumberland. New Office Developments

1998 - 2000

Merck Sharp & Dohme, Cramlington. Alterations to Pharmaceutical Warehouse etc.

1998

Zeneca Life Science Molecules. Laboratory upgrade and Refurbishment

1998 - 1992

Merck Sharp & Dohme, Cramlington, Northumberland. Various

1998

Searle Pharmaceutical Morpeth. New Medical Centre and Learning Resource Facility. Clean Changing Area.

1997

Marlow Foods Ltd (part of Zenecca), Stokesley. New Production Facility.

1997

Glaxo Wellcome, Suzhou, China. £5.0m Primary Pharmaceutical Facility.

1995 - 1996

Smith and Nephew Medical Ltd, Hull. Front end study for redevelopment of overall site for medical production facility.

1994

Norton Healthcare, Waterford Rol. Pharmaceutical Production Suite and associated ancillary areas

1992 - 1993

Norton Healthcare, Horsham, West Sussex. New Warehouse and Office Development and Refurbishment of Pharmaceutical Production area in existing facility.

Head of Engineering Department Bulk Pharmaceutical Actives North London

Our client, Merck Sharp & Dohme, is a leading and highly respected force in the international pharmaceutical industry. Its bulk API site, in Enfield, is responsible for producing the active ingredients for some of the company's most important products, on a worldwide basis. Significant investment has been made during the last ten years, and two major projects are in place to increase both capacity and product range over the next five years.

In line with this ambitious programme, MSD wishes to appoint an experienced and pragmatic Engineering Manager to take charge of the Engineering and Automation Department, which comprises Projects, Maintenance and Installation Sections.

Reporting directly to the Plant Manager, the successful candidate will control a present annual budget of well over £10 million, will head a team of over 35 engineers, fitters and sandwich course students, and should possess:

- Over 10 years' experience as an engineer within the pharmaceutical or fine chemicals industry, with at least 4



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years' recent project engineering experience, spanning both design and implementation aspects.

- A successful track record of managing a large, diverse group of people.
- Good experience of successfully handling multi-million pound budgets.
- Proven strengths in leadership by example.

The successful applicant will also possess a flexible approach, a positive attitude to challenge and the ability to create world-class site maintenance programmes. Additionally, knowledge of electrical engineering would be of advantage.

The position commands a highly attractive remuneration package, which includes a company car, performance bonus, share options, a quality pension scheme, and private medical insurance and generous relocation expenses, if required. It also provides a first-class opportunity for state-of-the-art professional development, as well as genuine prospects for career advancement.

To apply for this position or for further information, please contact Amir Kasraie, our retained consultant, at Talentmark Executive Resourcing, King House, 11 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UA. Phone: 020-7229 2266. Fax: 020-7229 3549. E-mail: ak@talentmark.com

ANNUAL SEMINAR, EXHIBITION AND DINNER MANCHESTER 13TH November 2003

This will be third Annual Dinner hosted by the NW region and will take place at the Midland Hotel, Manchester. Bookings are now being taken for the Dinner and the Exhibition by Erica N. Evans-Terlecki. The Seminar title is "Lean Compliance - Cost Effective Manufacturing in a Highly Regulated Environment" and programme details and booking arrangements will be sent out in early summer. Sponsors for the Drinks Reception are Glatt Protech, Gleeds, Industrial Technology Systems, MITIE Engineering Services Ltd, Pharmaplan and SembCorp Simon Carves. A further 2 Sponsors are required and anyone interested should contact Erica. Anyone wishing to book the hotel

accommodation at the Midland Hotel can do so now by telephoning 0161 236 3333 and asking for Beth and quoting ISPE. Full details of other hotels and a map will be sent with other documentation in Feb/March. Details of the above can be obtained by contacting

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Stop Press - Urgent Action Required if you are not to miss out in 2003

Stop Press - 32 of the 38 Dinner Tables and over half of the Exhibition Tables have already been booked!

Diary of Events for 2002-2003

Southern Region

Chairman - Mark Shaftesley
Tel: 01980 612564

Feb. 2003

Microbiological High
Containment.

Venue-CAMR, Porton Down.

May 2003

Temperature Controlled
Distribution.

Venue-Boehringer
Ingleheim, Bracknell.

June 2003

Visit to GSK Ware to see
latest Discus Inhaler facility
followed by a seminar on
Novel Technologies.

Nov. 2003

Flexi-lab Design.

Venue GSK Stevenage.

North East Region

Chairman - Michael Byrne
Tel: 0191 233 2950

Proposed visits

April 2003

GSK Barnard Castle

June 2003

Lunbeck Pharmaceuticals,
Teeside.

North West Region

Chairman - Philip
Richardson

Tel: 01625 516868

5th Feb. 2003

Filtration Evening - Camfil &
Pall.

Venue-Birchwood,
Warrington.

12th March

Visit to AZ Alderley Park
Fermentation Research
Facility.

23rd Apr. 2003

Visit to Kemutec,
Macclesfield.

28th May 2003

Maintenance.

Venue-Birchwood,
Warrington.

1st Oct. 2003

Joint ISPE/ICHEM Seminar
Venue Manchester

Central Region

Chairman - Roger Shillitoe
Tel: 02476 862529

Feb. 2003

Climate Change
Levy/Energy Savings.
Venue to be agreed.

March 2003

Hazardous Areas.

Venue to be announced

Dates to be Determined:

Visit to AstraZeneca
Charwood Process R&D
Laboratories.

- Pharmaceutical Industry
Intro.

- Process Automation

- Surviving FDA Inspections:
An Engineer's Perspective.

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23rd - 25th September 2003
Annual Exhibition at the
NEC

Seminars in Northampton
on:

19th March 200

319th June 2003

23rd October 2003

SITUATION WANTED

Sales/Business Development Manager

I am seeking a
Sales/Business
Development role within
the equipment supply or
engineering contracting
businesses that service the
Pharmaceutical Industry. I
have 17 years experience
in such roles after a
recent successful contract
at RB Plant. I have been
heavily involved with ISPE
in the UK for 10 years,
both regionally and
nationally, and am well
known in the industry.
Location is not a problem.
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