

CIHT East Midlands 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to this issue of the East Midlands Newsletter. The last few months have been a challenge for all of us in personal and professional capacities. For CIHT East Midlands, this has seen us adapt and move to alternative ways of delivering the services we know you value. We have been able to continue to deliver CPD events and the range available has increased. Whilst we do miss the valuable networking opportunities that we get out of meeting face to face at our events, we have been able to supplement these with more digital learning. On behalf of CIHT East Midlands, thank you for your continued support and hopefully we will get to see you soon at one of our upcoming events.

Remember that if you want to contact the CIHT East Midlands committee, please do not hesitate to do so at: eastmidlands@ciht.org.uk.

Message from CIHT East Midlands Young Professionals Chair

Dear YP Members,

I hope you all are doing well and keeping safe in these unprecedented times. For multiple reasons, 2020 has been challenging for everyone and, although it is currently difficult to connect, as a newly elected Young Professionals Chair of the CIHT East Midlands Committee I would like to greet with you all.

Over the past year many events were organised both at national and local level to support our community. Examples are the “Young Professional Festival” held via webinar in October and “The Road to Professional Qualifications” online event organised in collaboration with our neighbours, the CIHT West Midlands Committee. I appreciate that you left some feedback for us to improve. I promise we will learn from that and that we will always work to create more opportunities for you all and support your careers.

A few ideas we are considering at the minute are 1-2-1 mentoring sessions, boost of our social media communication channels and newsletters. However, in order to deliver a better service, your support would be greatly appreciated. For this, if you have challenges to raise, a brilliant idea or you would be interested in volunteering for the Committee, please, be in touch. We would love hearing from you.

Finally, I wish you and your families happy festivities and a great start to 2021.

Kind regards,

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Young Professionals Chair of the CIHT East Midlands Committee

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CIHT East Midlands Events & Webinars

Whilst we do miss the valuable networking opportunities that we get out of meeting face to face at our events, we have been able to supplement these with more digital learning. For CIHT East Midlands, this has seen us deliver several webinars including:

- Transport In The Time Of Covid-19: What Next?
- CIHT and Climate Change – a 21st Century challenge for its members
- Gedling Access Road Project: The Story So Far
- A Snapshot of Some Recent Advances in Pavement Engineering
- The Road to Professional Qualifications (a collaboration with the CIHT West Midlands committee)

As we look ahead to 2021, we will be continuing to plan further webinars. We will kick off in January with a fun Quiz and we are lining up some interesting speakers for 2021 to come and talk to us about Highways and Transportation projects and initiatives. We will keep members updated through emails and social media and of course on the CIHT website. There are some big Highways, Transportation and Development projects planned for the East Midlands and we look forward to keeping our members updated on these as they come forward.

If you would like to host a talk or have an idea for an event then please contact us. Details on upcoming events and webinars will be added to the East Midlands events webpage, so please do keep an eye on the website [HERE](#) for the latest information. In the meantime, we hope everyone stays safe and manages to enjoy the festive break.

Committee Information

Committee for 2020/21 Session

Chair: Dr. Behzad Rahimzadeh

Vice Chair: Dr. Sally Barnett

Honorary Secretary: Lucy Nightingale

Treasurer: Graham Jarvis

Recruitment Officer: James Goodwin

Social Coordinator: Dr. Jwan Kamla

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Do you want to be involved?

We are always looking for new members from the region to support us. We welcome new committee members at any time. Our meetings are usually held in person every two months at the University of Nottingham, although we are currently holding our committee meetings virtually. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact us at: eastmidlands@ciht.org.uk if you are interested.