



2018 ITEC ASHFORD
IRATA Technical Event and Conference

ITEC ASHFORD

CHAIRMAN WELCOME

I take great delight in welcoming all our members to the 2018 IRATA ITEC held in Ashford, UK.

It only seems like a short while ago since I received the devastating news that we had lost Graham Burnett, our previous IRATA Chairman. It was with some trepidation that I stepped in as interim IRATA Chairman in South Africa. Now a year on as your elected Chairman, I am looking forward to our main event in the IRATA calendar when we can all get together at our ITEC.

This year's event promises to be a great technical forum for us all to learn, debate, ask questions and most importantly to share knowledge. Over the three days, we will hear about the work done by our committees over the last twelve months and also the planned work for the future. We have a number of eminent guest speakers talking across a wide range of work at height subjects. On the Technical Event there is a programme of guest speakers, practical presentations and exhibitors' product presentations.

Following the rope access discussions, we have organised the evening dinner to be held at a local castle dating back to 11th century. In addition to the usual eating, drinking and dancing there will also be some traditional dancing taking place. For those of you who would like to fit in a visit to the capital, Ashford is only 40 minutes away from central London via high speed train. Ashford tends to get some of the sunniest weather in the UK and this has given rise to a thriving wine making area. Although we may not be able to compete with South Africa's offerings we have arranged the opportunity for a vineyard visit to sample some of the English wines.

IRATA continues to grow with a total of 475 member companies. In addition, there are 87 pending new member applications. In line with this, technician numbers are also increasing with growth of 8% from 54,824 in 2017 to 59,211 as at June 2018. It continues to be our intention to assist all areas of the IRATA world in terms of support from Head Office, our Executive, and our various committees.

The last twelve months have been productive and work has continued improving our processes and procedures in accordance with our goal to achieve 17024 accreditation. In addition, RAMRASS is getting closer to its final stage of development. We have enhanced our accident and incident reporting, published new topic sheets and safety bulletins, revised form 039 and produced a new standard penalties document, to name a few of the initiatives.

At Head Office additional staff have been hired to assist in the administration of our expanding organisation. Of particular note is the addition of a marketing and communications manager. I would personally like to thank the Head Office team for the excellent support that they provide to all IRATA members.

Finally in the words of Graham Burnett:
"Who is IRATA? We are IRATA".

Thank you to all of you for making IRATA the leading work at height association.

Jonathan Capper
IRATA International Chairman



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The Ashford International Hotel holds an enviable location when it comes to easy access for delegates. Not only is the hotel just 2 minutes off the M20 and has over 400 car parking spaces, it is also conveniently located within an hour's drive from Gatwick Airport, while Heathrow and Stansted are under two hours away - perfect for international travellers.

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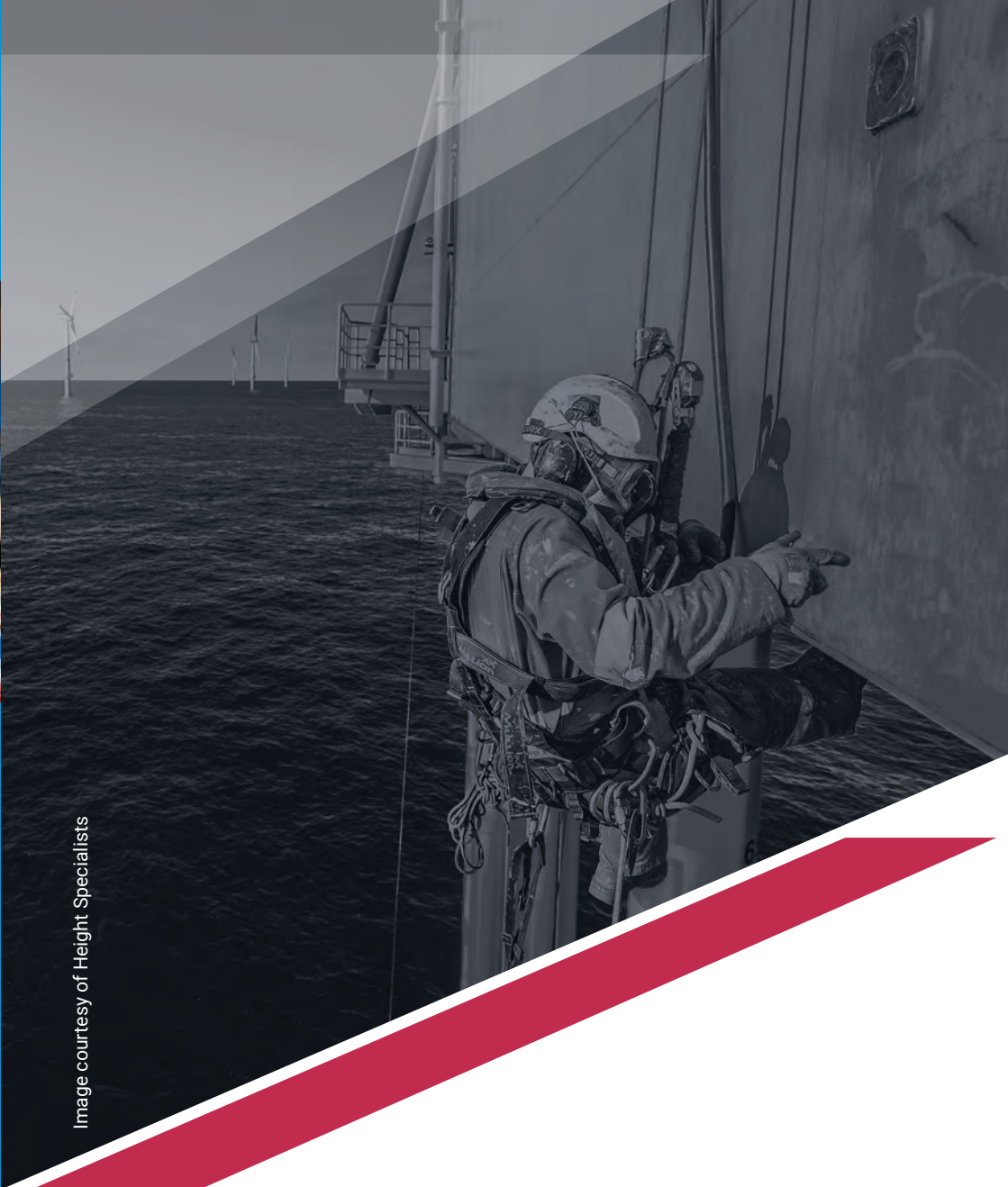


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MONDAY 10 September



09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:00	Welcome from IRATA Chairman RAC Presentations
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break & Networking
11:30 - 12:30	RAC Presentations (cont.)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch & Networking
14:00 - 16:00	Health & Safety Committee Presentation WASA Presentation - Dr Chris Robbins Human Factors - Prof. Rhona Flin Q&A and Practical Session
16:00 - 17:00	Coffee Break & Networking

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TUESDAY

11 September



09:00 - 11:00	Technical Event*
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break & Networking
11:30 - 12:30	Technical Event* (cont.)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch & Networking
14:00 - 14:30	Technical Event* (cont.)
14:40 - 16:30	Training Committee Presentation
16:30 - 17:30	Coffee Break & Networking

* For more information on the Technical Event, please see pages 17 -19.

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WEDNESDAY
12 September



09:00 - 11:00	Equipment & Standards Committee Cut Resistance of Ropes and Energy Absorbing Systems - Daniel Gebel
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break & Networking
11:30 - 12:30	RAMRASS Stress Corrosion Cracking - Dr. Chris Robbins
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch & Networking
14:00 - 16:00	Annual General Meeting
16:00 - 17:00	Coffee Break & Networking
18:00 - 01:00	Annual Dinner at Lympne Castle, Lympne (pre-dinner drinks, dinner, Award Ceremony and entertainment)



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TECHNICAL EVENT KENT SUITE

Tuesday, 11 September

09:00 – 09:30

Guy Fulford, Harken Industrial UK – Powered Ascenders

09:40 – 10:10

Craig Aris, Never Let Go – Dropped Objects Awareness

10:20 - 10:50

Chris Edmondson, Heightec - Rope Damage and Protection

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break & Networking

11:30 - 12:30

Dave Ellis, Lyon Equipment – Rigging & Anchors **(Canterbury Suite)**

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch & Networking

14:00 - 14:30

Karl Raby, High Q - Combating Ignorance and Ineptitude

14:40 - 16:30

Training Committee Presentation

16:30 - 17:30

Coffee Break & Networking

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Tuesday, 11 September

09:00 - 11:00

Practical Equipment Demonstrations

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break & Networking

11:30 - 12:30

Dave Ellis, Lyon Equipment – Rigging & Anchors

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch & Networking

14:00 - 15:00

Practical Equipment Demonstrations

16:30 - 17:30

Coffee Break & Networking



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ANNUAL DINNER

Lympne Castle is a medieval castle located in the village of Lympne, Kent, above Romney Marsh.

18:00

Pre-drinks at arrival
Lympne Castle

The first castle was built in the 1080s for the Archdeacons of Canterbury on the edge of a cliff looking over the Romney Marshes. It was rebuilt in the 14th century with a tower at each end, and it is thought that the square tower may be on the site of a Roman watch tower.

18:15

Welcome Music

After being used as a farm it was purchased in 1905 by Francis John Tennant who commissioned Scottish architect Robert Lorimer to restore and extend the castle - works focussing upon the Great Hall with its linen fold panelling (which came from other buildings).

21:00

IRATA Annual Awards

Below the castle, at the foot of the cliff, lies the remains of a Roman Shore fort, known as Stutfall Castle.

21:30

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01:00

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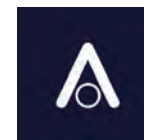
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