

Chairman's Report

FIRST QUARTER 2008.

Membership

There is every prospect that membership will grow by a further 2 members during this quarter.

Technical Activity

1. W.E.E.E. Directive.

The recent Technical Committee meeting maintained their disagreement with the recent CSSA Members briefing report covering this Directive in so far as it affects larger Industrial/Commercial cleaning machines.

The I.C.M.M.A. view remains that such machines are outside the categories defined in the Directive, but recognise that this, in the longer term will become a commercial issue between the supplier and the client.

2. Water Technology Listing

Following the detail of the previous report, the parameters defined in the listing of Scrubber-Driers are being readdressed to more clearly reflect actual machine Performance.

3. B.S.I. Good Practice PAS 86

I.C.M.M.A. representation was not possible at the last 'final' meeting, but given prior participation, members are content with the outcome.

4. EuP Directive

The first review meeting on the energy efficiency and energy rating of vacuum cleaners has taken place.
I.C.M.M.A. will continue to participate in future working parties of the Group.

5. B.S.I. Standards

A new grouping of I.C.M.M.A. members has now formed an active B.S.I. Working Party to participate in the I.E.C. SC61J Standards for Industrial Floor Cleaning Machines.
The first B.S.I. Working Group met in March.

6. Statistics

The annual statistical analysis of the U.K. market for Industrial/Commercial cleaning machines is completed for 2007 and has been circulated to members.

7. Battery and Accumulator Directive.

An I.C.M.M.A. Working Party participated in a presentation by the Dti (as was called) to review the implementation of this Directive.

8. Performance Standards of Vacuum Cleaners

I.C.M.M.A. members have submitted an initial draft of a proposed International Standard covering the performance of Industrial/Commercial Dry Vacuum Cleaners – this will be followed by the preparation of Standards for Wet/Dry Vacuum Cleaners and then Carpet Cleaning Machines.

9. Vehicle Directive

I.C.M.M.A. with other bodies are seeking a specific exclusion from the Directive for ride-on floor cleaning machines that are NOT vehicles.

The I.C.M.M.A. Technical Committee remains very active and has a number of active Working Parties.

Cleaning Industry Conference 2008.

All members are advised of this activity and have been encouraged to provide their full support.

General Activity

Where-ever practical I.C.M.M.A. continues to participate with Asset Skills and H.S.E. in developing the interests of the Cleaning Industry.

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Chairman.

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