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The Society continues to be active in the key areas of education, registration, publications, international collaboration, professional networking, technical forums, and awards. Some of these are producing encouraging signs of growth and strength whilst others show disappointingly low levels of activity.

Registration activities have continued undiminished and we have been pleased to see an unprecedented increase in Membership and Registration of Chartered Environmentalists. These new Members are mainly from the Far East and Hong Kong. This increase has made a significant contribution to the financial position of The Society which is the best for many years. The percentage increase in membership in 2010 of around 20% is a record for that year within the Licensed Members of Engineering Council.

We are seeking to strengthen our relationship with HCL in Hong Kong. This organisation continues to support SEE and maintains a steady stream of new members and registrants. Council is to give consideration to setting up a Hong Kong Chapter or similar to support members in that region.

Engineering Council has relaxed the regulations on Joint Membership arrangements. This means that we can collaborate with Professional Affiliate organisations to take their members through to the Professional Register without the need for the registrant to have formal membership of SEE. The first organisation to take advantage of this new arrangement has been the Institute of Explosives Engineers. The SEE Chief Executive is now a Board Member and Trustee of Engineering Council representing Group C institutions.

In November 2010 The Society underwent a Joint Audit by Engineering Council and The Society for The Environment for renewal of our licences. We were successful with both organisations and have now been awarded new five year licences with only minor matters of procedure needing attention.

We are partners with Engineering Council in the development of the electronic CPD recording system. We make this available as a Member Benefit to all SEE members and registrants as well as to our collaborating institutions.

The Society's involvement in CEEES continued and The Society continues to host the CEEES website.

The Technical Groups have now been superseded by the Technical Forum. This allows Members to promote technical topics in any area of The Society's activities and in the



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most appropriate way, short or long term, but without the need for servicing a permanent Group structure. Take up of this system has so far been disappointing.

Our publications continue to be one of our real strengths. During the year there were difficulties with IMechE which resulted in PEP ceasing to be our publishers. The Society now has a contract with Concorde Publishing Limited, under the Directorship of Mr. Paul Williams and with essentially the same team that we had when at PEP. Environmental Engineering and the Test House Directory will continue to develop in scope in collaboration with Concorde Publishing. The second issue Environmental Engineering and the first Test House Directory produced by Concorde Publishing were delivered to Members this week.

We continue to promote The Society through attendance at exhibitions, which has been achieved during the past few years at minimal cost through arrangements with the organisers. This plays a major role in maintaining visibility of the SEE and its activities. The first of these exhibitions was the Engineering Integrity Society's exhibition at Silverstone last week. We are attending 3C and ET, both at the NEC in April and May. In collaboration with Lockheed Martin Limited we took part in the Big Bang Science Fair in London last week. It can only be described as magnificent with some 30,000 people attending over 3 days. Our stand and activity (to optimise the performance of a solar panel) was constantly busy. Two schools won the experimental equipment. These are:

Walton Priory Middle School
Beacon Rise
Walton,
Stone
Staffordshire

St Elizabeth Primary School
Bonner Road
Bethnal Green
London

The great strength of Big Bang is that everyone who takes part agrees that they are investing for the future by interesting youngsters in Science and Engineering at an early age.

The Industry Affiliate scheme remains stable and continues to be a valuable link with the industry that many of our members work in.

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