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INTRODUCTION



Dr Tim Yates

Stone Federation President

2016 - 2018

Stone Federation are delighted to announce that our new President is Dr Tim Yates, Technical Director of the Building Research Team at BRE.

Tim has been involved in work related to buildings and structures for more than 40 years. This has included work in archaeology, research in the analysis of materials, studies of the impact of climate and pollution on heritage structures and the testing of stone and mortar.

In his current role, he is responsible for the management of projects relating to stone, heritage and other traditional building materials.

For the last 25 years he has led teams specialising in masonry, heritage, natural stone, whole life performance and more recently, European Regulations, particularly the Construction Products Regulation. The team has been responsible for undertaking consultancy projects on the assessment of materials and structures and has completed more than 500 projects all around the world. Many of these relate to the deterioration of building fabric or to the selection and testing of new and replacement natural stones for construction. He has been involved in a number of EU funded projects on economic assessments of the effect of pollution on heritage structures and the effect of environment on marble.

He has participated in the preparation of British and European Standards related to natural stone and heritage for more than 25 years and currently convenes two CEN/TC Working Groups and is also Chair of two BSI Committees, B/560 and CB/-/5. Tim has published extensively in international journals and conference proceedings and has produced chapters for two books on the selection and testing of natural stone.

We look forward to Tim's presidency and thank him for his service to the Federation and its members.



INTRODUCTION



Jane Buxey

Stone Federation Chief Executive

We have certainly seen a lot of changes since this time last year. And whatever happens with Europe, the Federation has a cunning plan - Peter Harrison has been elected as President of the European group of stone trade federations, Euroroc, and as the Stone Federation representative this ensures that the UK stone industry will still play a full part in the European stone market come what may!!

The main phrase I hear about the Federation is that we punch above our weight. This was very evident at Verona which I attended for the first time this year. As I listened to the speeches made by the Chief Executives and Presidents of the various federations I felt proud that Stone Federation is holding its own in all the arenas and fields relating to natural stone and in many cases, is doing even better than most. You should never underestimate the power of the Federation's collective voice. And we achieve all that we do because of TEAM WORK.

We are facing the challenges thrown at the stone industry head on by our refocus and sectorisation which is showing the benefits right from the start. It has been lovely to see so many new faces at the various events and forum meetings because it reinforces our message that you get more out of the Federation if you participate. Sitting round our Executive meetings or in the sector, technical, training and health and safety meetings, I see the true meaning of the word team AND to all of you who give up your time willingly and uncomplainingly to attend these or to help write standards or guides, to develop courses or plan promotional events and to those of you who turn up and support events and training seminars, I say a huge thank you, because without you, the Federation would not be what it truly is - a members' Federation

I would also like to pay tribute to the other part of the team, the Federation staff Sandra, Matt, Sara and Linda. They help to bring all the plans to fruition and to make up a great organisation that you should all be proud to belong too. I would also like to thank Ian Major for all his sterling work on the training front despite huge obstacles put in his way by the new look CITB. He battles on unceasingly to get grants and new training programmes in place for the stone industry. Thanks also to Nigel Stubbings who co-ordinates the health and safety issues.

The future of our industry looks bright and I am really looking forward to working with the Federation's new President, Tim Yates. Tim is keen to continue the excellent drive of refocus and sectorisation whilst bringing his own distinct style to the table. As you will see, Tim is very well known in many circles and thus will be able to expand the Federation's sphere of influence even wider.

I recently read a synopsis of the Farmer Review, the government commissioned report into the construction industry. Its title is – Modernise or Die – and Mark Farmer certainly pulls no punches in his bleak review. It made me sit up and take notice because, as I read his criticisms and conclusions, I was filled with hope because the stone industry seems to be well ahead in doing what he suggests already.

This includes the opportunity posed by technical innovation to reform the way that construction is carried out and shoring up the traditional part of the sector alongside future proofing the industry with pre manufacture and the multi-skilled people needed to staff that and our industry is already doing this - evolving and being proactive in changing to face the future as evidenced in innovations in machines and the use of computers and new training techniques. Stone Federation has already recognised these changes with the introduction of a new Award category - namely Technology Innovation - illustrating the use of men and machines to be able to continue to use stone in increasingly innovative and yet traditional ways.

Our wonderful industry is still thriving and Stone Federation is here to help.

SDS

100% DESIGN



2016 saw the Federation attend the Surface Design Show for the first time.

Held in London's Business Design Centre, the show is the UK's leading surfaces and materials event.

Over the past twelve months, we have seen an encouraging rise in the popularly of natural stone within the design sector. For this reason, the Federation felt that a presence at the Surface Design Show would be a good way of connecting the architects and interior designers looking to use natural stone with our members.

Sharing a stand with Federation member Amarestone, in The Stone Gallery, the Federation were well positioned to connect with some of the industry's leading architectural and design practices who visited the show.

The Natural Stone Source Book saw a high level of interest from delegates looking to source new stone suppliers, design consultants and installation experts. We also distributed a large number of the Natural Stone Awards Brochure which served as a great source of design inspiration for show visitors.

2017 will see the Federation returning to the show with even more members, to form the central focus of The Stone Gallery. The Stone Knowledge Hub will contain member firms, covering everything from design consultancy and technical experts through to international stone suppliers and British quarries. This year the organisers of 100% Design, the UK's largest design industry trade show, asked the Federation to display the 2014 Natural Stone Awards Gallery at their event.

The winning, highly commended and commended projects from the Interiors category were showcased to the thousands of show visitors across the three day event.

Held at London's Olympia, the show was a great opportunity to showcase what can be done with natural stone within the interiors sector.

The space was very well received and also provided us with a chance to distribute the Natural Stone Awards Brochure and the Natural Stone Source Book, hundreds of which were taken.

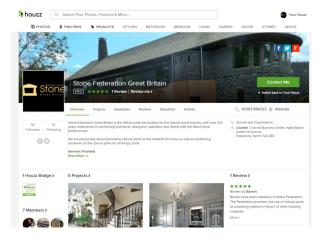
The Federation has been approached by the show organisers with a view to creating a member exclusive area within the show. This would provide the architects, designers and specifiers that visit the show with a source point for natural stone suppliers, technical experts, design consultants and products suppliers.

If this is something that you would be interested in, please get in touch with Matt Robb on matt@stonefed.org.uk.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our website and social media profiles are one of the most effective ways of promoting both the Federation and our members, and the past year has been an incredibly successful year on both these fronts.

The year got off to a great start when the Federation was named on Best of Houzz 2016 list for Design. Houzz is the leading platform for home renovation and design, providing people with everything they need to improve their homes from start to finish – online or from a mobile device. The Federation was chosen by more than 35 million monthly users that comprise the Houzz community from among more than one million active home building, renovating and design industry professionals and experts.



This is now the second year that the Federation has won 'Best of Houzz' for Design and helps to secure our place as a leading voice within the interior design sector.

Digital media success has been one of the hallmarks of the Federation's last twelve months, with impressive follower and visitor numbers across our social media channels and website.



A quick run-down of the social media statistics reveal over 6 million twitter users viewing our tweets, 21,000 profile views, 5,000 followers across our social media channels, which is a 21% increase.



The website continues to be a well-utilised online resource for architects, designers, local authorities, clients and members alike. Over 40,000 unique users visited the site, accessing in excess of a quarter of a million pages.

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The 'Search for a member' page continues to be the most popular, with the Publications, Careers in the stone industry and Welcome to British Stones map also ranking highly.

Finally, the newly added Natural Stone Awards website has been a huge success and has not only helped to further promote the Awards, but has also driven traffic to the main Stone Federation website.

The Awards website contains a gallery of all of the winning, highly commended and commended projects which acts as a great source of design inspiration for architects and designers.



The Interiors & Surface Materials Focus Group had its first meeting this year at the Marshalls Design Space in Clerkenwell, a fitting venue considering the thousands of architects and designers within walking distance.



The meeting, led by Forum Chairman, Chris Kelsey of The Marble & Granite Centre, was a fantastic opportunity to discuss a range of topics including how best to connect members with key client bodies, the interiors CPD and the Federation's range of interiors focussed publications.

This was followed by a chance for the delegates to network over lunch and to carry on some of the conversations that the meeting had sparked.

As part of the aim to connect members with the key client and trade bodies in this sector, the Federation was one of the sponsors at the 2016 International Design Awards organised by the Society of British and International Design.



This is a highlight event for the international design industry and gathers professionals from across the globe. Stone Federation was the sponsor for the Intelligent Design category which gave us an opportunity to promote the way in which both the Federation and our members work alongside architects and designers to promote an innovative and intelligent use of natural stone.

We were also delighted to have SBID as the sponsor of the Interiors category at the 2016 Natural Stone Awards, proving the strong working relationship of the Federation with this leading trade body.

CLERKENWELL DESIGN WEEK

Looking forward to 2017, the Forum will be aiming to have a presence at Clerkenwell Design Week as well as a number of ISM Focus Group members exhibiting alongside the Federation at the Surface Design Show in February.



The Surface Design Show will see a member exclusive 'Stone Knowledge Hub' created within the Stone Gallery, one of the show's featured areas.

The Hub will provide a comprehensive source point for the architects and designers at the show, and the area will include members covering everything from design consultancy and technical backup through to British and international stone suppliers and quarries.





The Quarry Forum, chaired by Marcus Paine of Hutton Stone, was a group that already existed prior to the refocus, but one that has seen fresh impetus breathed into its activities in the wake of this shift within the Federation.

Raising awareness of the wide range of indigenous stone available has been one of the core aims of the Forum in 2016 and this has been achieved through a mix of both online and print campaigns.

The Welcome to British Stones map tool on the website gives users access to over 80 stone types quarried by member firms. It's been fantastic to see a tool such as this firmly establish itself as one of the Federation's leading resources and to see so many architectural and design professionals be enthused by just how much choice British stone offers them.

The Natural Stone Specialist Magazine played host to a print version of this same campaign in the form of the British Stone Selector advert which in 2016, has featured 40 stones from 16 member firms.

The magazine has also provided the Forum with a monthly column looking at some of the key issues affecting those looking to use British stone. Named the Working Face, this has looked at an array of topics including the wide range of British stones available, the importance of visiting the quarry and what to look for in a stone sample. The latter part of this year has seen the launch of a new series of articles looking at the use of British stone in different applications such as landscaping, cladding and interiors.



2017 will see the Forum's British Stones display boards featured on the Federation's stand at The Natural Stone Show. These boards display a wide range of indigenous stones quarried by Federation member firms and are accompanied by a guide book providing show visitors with more information about each material, including suitable applications.

The Forum will also be continuing to raise awareness of the range and benefits of using British stone across a wide range of print and digital platforms.

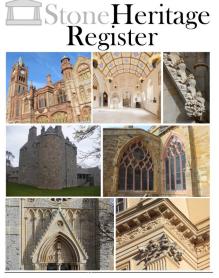
StoneHeritage



Launched in July 2016, the Stone Heritage Group is an initiative with a remit to highlight and champion all matters pertaining to the use, repair, restoration, conservation, cleaning and maintenance of natural stone in the heritage, historic and ecclesiastical sector.

The group is made up of Stone Federation members who work within the heritage and historic sectors and represents 174 member companies, collectively employing 8,000 staff and trained operatives with a combined turnover of £240 million.

Alongside creating valuable industry connections, the Stone Heritage Group will also look to add to the existing suite of heritage focussed publications; titles currently include the Guides to Best Practice on maintenance of internal and external masonry surfaces and cleaning of internal and external masonry surfaces. Stone Heritage saw a 'soft launch' to members at an event held in The Royal College of Surgeons. The event was aimed at outlining the mission statement and plan of action for the group and, in particular, drawing members' attention to an exciting new heritage focussed initiative that will launch in 2017.



THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO SOURCING THE BEST HERITAGE PROFESSIONALS



The Stone Heritage Register will act as an invaluable resource to heritage architects, clients and local authorities looking to source the right company for the project in hand. The Register will only include Stone Federation members which will create an even stronger case for clients only using members on their projects. The main launch of the Stone Heritage Register will take place in May and members will be contacted with more information nearer the time.

Landscape

The Landscape Forum exists to resource and promote Stone Federation members working within the landscape sector. The Forum will draw upon the input, expertise and views of members to ensure that its activities are focussed on the issues and client groups that are of interest to member firms in this arena.

The Landscape Forum is still in the earliest of days, however it has already been busy working on behalf of members to promote the use of natural stone and Stone Federation members to the landscape sector in a number of ways.

The Landscape Forum had a strong start when they were invited to host one of the seminar sessions at the Landscape Show in September last year. The show is the leading UK trade event focussed at gathering the landscape industry, attracting landscape architects, garden designers, local authorities and clients from across the country to its home at Battersea Park's Evolution Centre.



The Forum's Chairman, Gordon Hines of Marshalls, was joined by architects Sheena Bell from Gillespies and Andy Thomson of BCA Landscape to look at the use of natural stone in commercial landscaping. The seminar focussed around three case studies as well as looking at trends within the sector and useful resources for landscape architects, including the Federation.

The feedback we have received from the event organisers has been extremely positive and the Forum has been asked to return to the show in 2017 to deliver another seminar.



Within the technical arena, members within the Landscape sector have been well represented on a number of Standards committees covering issues including paving, setts and kerbs, treads and SuDS.

The first part of 2017 will see the Landscape Forum's first meeting, to which all members involved within this sector will be invited. The aim of this first gathering will be to explain the aim of the Forum and then to provide members with an opportunity to share their thoughts on where the focus of the group should be placed.

This will help to form the plan of action including which client bodies, publications, trade shows and other events the Forum should be targeting as well as the issues members would like us to raise on their behalf.

As previously mentioned, this year will also see the Forum return to The Landscape Show. The Natural Stone Show will also see a Landscape Forum presence in the form of a panel discussion looking at landscape projects from the 2016 Natural Stone Awards. Both of these will be great opportunities to showcase the stunning aesthetics and improvements to public spaces that natural stone can offer.

COURSES & SEMINARS

Design & Installation of Natural Stone Flooring

In June last year we welcomed thirty delegates from member firms to the Thistle Euston Hotel in London for the 2016 Design & Installation of Natural Stone Flooring Course.



David Richardson of FMDC and Chairman for the event opened proceedings and was followed by Steve Turner of Amarestone providing a look at laying stone from the contractor's perspective. BRE's Rupert Pool then spoke to delegates about flooring investigations and using grouts and adhesives.

Peter Harrison of Harrison Goldman Design Consultants looked at current Product Standards as well as workmanship on building sites. The final session before lunch was taken by Andrew Curry of Schlüter-Systems and looked at de-bonding membranes with underfloor heating.



Lunch provided delegates with a great opportunity to network with other members and ask the speakers some of their project specific queries.

Bob Sewell of Lithofin took the first session in the afternoon and spoke on the impregnation of natural stone including preparation and aftercare. Peter Harrison returned to speak to delegates about guidance on design and installation based on failure investigations.

The final session of the day was taken by FMDC's David Richardson who looked at the latest requirements for slip and CIRIA publication and its influence on design and selection.



The day finished with the speakers forming a technical panel, giving delegates a chance to ask questions.



Delegate Feedback

"A very informative day which widened my knowledge on the stone industry."

"Excellent informative course. All speakers were extremely knowledgeable."

"As a newcomer to the natural stone industry, I found the seminar both interesting and informative and it has given me a good understanding of the industry."

COURSES & SEMINARS

Use of Stone in Building Course

Last October saw record numbers attend the Federation's 2016 Use of Stone in Building Course.

Held at the Thistle Euston Hotel, London the course attracted over 45 delegates for a day of presentations delivered by some of the industry's experts.



The day began with a welcome from the course Chairman, David Ellis of Sandberg, who went on to look at geology, selection and testing. FMDC's David Richardson then provided delegates with an insight into British Standards, Codes of Practice and CE Marking.

After a break for coffee, newly elected Euroroc President, Peter Harrison of Harrison Goldman, looked at the detailing of natural stone, including working drawings and fixings. Architect Graham Lee of Graham Lee Consultancy took the next session and spoke on masonry and architecture, including external masonry and rain screen cladding.



Lunch provided the delegates with a chance to network with other members and connect with existing contacts. It was great to hear so much positive feedback about the morning sessions during this time.



Chris Kelsey of The Marble & Granite Centre took the session after lunch, and looked at natural stone for interiors. Chris was followed by SteinTec's David Burton who gave delegates an insight into external paving with natural stone.



After a refreshment break, David Richardson of FMDC returned to give the final presentation on the ethical sourcing and sustainability of stone.

The day closed with an opportunity for delegates to ask the speakers any project specific questions they had, and many took the opportunity to have one on one discussions.

Delegate Feedback

"The course was successful in covering a wide variety of topics related to stone."

"Very good content and excellent speakers."

"Informative, useful and well thought out day."

THE MEMBERS' EVENT 2016



November saw the Federation welcome over 50 delegates to the Thistle Euston Hotel for The Members' Event 2016.

The event was focussed around three keys areas; review, projection and networking.

The review and projection was provided by the chairmen of the Federation's various sector focussed groups and provided delegates with an insight into some of the exciting new initiatives 2017 will hold for the Federation and its members.

Delegates also heard from the Federation's Chief Executive, Jane Buxey, who thanked members for their part in making the Federation what it is, and highlighted how many other trade and client bodies see Stone Federation as an organisation "punching well above its weight".

Jane then handed over to the chairmen of the Federation's various sector focus groups and forums to take a look back at what 2016 held and to let members know what's in store for 2017.

The chairmen were:

Stone Heritage, Bernard Burns (Szerelmey)

The Quarry Forum, Marcus Paine (Hutton Stone Co)

The Landscape Forum, Gordon Hines (Marshalls)

The Interiors & Surface Materials Focus Group, Chris Kelsey (The Marble & Granite Centre Ltd)

Technical Committee and Ethical Stone Sourcing, David Richardson (FMDC Ltd) The Members' Event also played host to handover of Stone Federation Presidency from Graeme Hadden to our new President, Dr Tim Yates of BRE. We were able to thank Graeme for his past two years of service to the Federation, and most notably his brainchild, the Federation wide refocus that we have undergone. This has had a wide reaching impact on the way the Federation operates.



The presentation was closed by our guest speaker, Jason Syrett of Allies & Morrison architects. Jason is currently leading the practice's work on the exciting Kings' Cross development which included stone in all its different guises, from interiors to landscaping.

The evening closed with an opportunity for members to network over drinks and a hot buffet. This proved to be a great success with delegates making the most of the opportunity to make new industry contacts as well as strengthening existing connections.

The Federation would like to thank each of the speakers for their part in making The Members' Event 2016 such a success.

GOLF DAY



2016 saw the Federation host the fifth annual Stone Federation Golf Challenge at our new venue, The Drift Golf Club, Surrey.

This new venue was met with fantastic reviews from all the players and we will be returning to it for the 2017 Golf Day.

The event was launched with an aim of creating an opportunity for members to have fun as well as to network with other members and industry organisations.

This year we welcomed 28 competitors, making up seven teams of four employees from member companies and other industry bodies.

The competitors battled it out across a challenging 18 hole course and it was a hotly contested affair. The teams played a 4-ball, better ball team competition with the best two scores to count on each hole, played to Stableford rules.



After a closely contested final nine holes, the Amarestone team made up of Steve Turner,

John Montgomery, Martin Sherwood and Andy Philpott were crowned the champions.

After a fantastic morning of golf, the players returned to the clubhouse for a well deserved drink followed by lunch. This provided a great opportunity for players to network and reconnect with old industry contacts.



The Federation would like to thank Ian Major for, once again, organising such a successful event.

The 2017 event will take place on Thursday 25 May, and to ensure that you don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity, please express your interest at the earliest convenience by emailing sandra@stonefed.org.uk.

TRAINING

UK Masonry Skills Challenge

The UK Masonry Skills Challenge was held in May 2016 and was a hotly contested affair. The heats were held at Weymouth College and Edinburgh College, with over thirty stonemasonry students entering over the two locations.



The aim of the competition is to showcase the skills of the UK's up and coming stonemasonry talent and is part of the Federation's mission to ensure the traditional skills of the stonemason are well supported.

William Lovell of Weymouth College was crowned the Challenge's overall winner and received a £300 cheque and a place at SkillBuild. Second place went to York College student and Mather & Ellis employee Tom Cloake, and third place to Elgin Conservation Centre's Ross Kennedy who works for Historic Environment Scotland.

The Federation would like to thank Albion Stone for providing the stone, Stewart Design Ltd for the drawing blueprint and all the other members who helped to sponsor the event and are shown below, as well as the Challenge judges, Andy Maclean of Stewart Design and Sean Collins of Boden & Ward.

If you would like to sponsor the 2017 UK Masonry Skills Challenge then let us know. Sponsors gain exposure on all the Challenge PR and social media activity as well as having your logo featured on the competitors' t shirts and thereby in all publicity photographs.



Trainee Mason of the Year

This Award is run by the Federation and aims to inspire and encourage trainees who have chosen the natural stone industry as their career.



The Award is given in recognition of their commitment to and growth within the industry since commencing their training. This illustrates their dedication and commitment to their chosen profession.

Members were invited to enter their trainee masons into this competition and we received an encouraging number of entries, a notable increase compared to last year.

The 2016 Trainee Mason of the Year was given to Peter Cross, an employee of Croft Building and Restoration and a student at York College.

Peter received his prize at The Natural Stone Awards ceremony in London, from TV personality, Tommy Walsh.



Thanks to the generous support of this year's sponsors, the winner will receive an impressive range of prizes including £200 of tools from BI Crawshaws, a £100 cheque and a year's subscription to The Natural Stone Specialist Magazine.



TRAINING

SAPs, SUPs and OSATs

StoneTrain continues to offer fully funded Specialist Apprentice Programmes (SAP) or Specialist Upskilling Programmes (SUP). At NVQ L2 there is a Stone Fixer apprenticeship and a Façade Preservation apprenticeship. At NVQ L3 there is a SAP and two SUPs in Heritage Stonemasonry. The two-year L2 SAPs cost £5,998 but the minimum CITB funding (for registered companies – not necessarily Levy payers) is £7,650 and might be £8,415. Similarly, generous funding is available for the SAP and two SUPs at L3.



A new cohort of eight learners from six stone companies started an SAP Façade Preservation in November. Changes to the CSCS Card Scheme in October 2017 and pressure for formal qualifications is increasing training inquiries. For experienced workers, the route to an NVQ is through an OSAT (On Site Assessment and Training). StoneTrain can offer a wide range of OSAT NVQ solutions. Additionally, by application to the CITB Flexible Fund, StoneTrain can fill the gap between the OSAT cost and the £400 NVQ achievement grant available through the CITB Grant Fund.

Over the last few months StoneTrain has guided nine stone sector SMEs through successful applications for CITB funding and is ready to assist any company wishing to go down this route.

National Occupational Standards (NOS)

A review of stonemasonry NOS is being undertaken except for Stone Fixing Interiors and Exteriors which were completed in 2015. In total, there are 23 NOS, 10 are at Level 3 and 13 at Level 2. Many elements of the NOS are generic thus the review is concerned solely with performance criteria, methods of work and resources specific to each NOS. A meeting on 6th December started the process and five of the NOS reviews were completed.

Further meetings are scheduled throughout January and early February to complete them all. Subject matter experts will be recruited to these meetings.

Trailblazer Apprenticeships

The Expression of Interest for the Stonemasonry Trailblazer apprenticeship was accepted by DfE on 13th September. A summary of the required stonemasonry pathways has been drafted and will be circulated for approval.



Next steps will be

- 1) An Assessment Plan detailing delivery methodology, end-point assessment, roles and responsibilities, grading etc.
- 2) A Costing Analysis for apprenticeship delivery,
- Work with education and training providers to ensure curriculums meet the requirements of the apprenticeship standard.

Trailblazers have an end-point assessment to prove competencies, and Government is not supportive of an NVQ as an outcome. If the stone sector requires an NVQ as an outcome, it must argue for it, but it will not substitute for an end-point assessment.

On a positive note, it is confirmed that CSCS will accept the end-point assessment as evidence for a skilled worker card.

£25K Forum Grant Spend

All the 2016 £25,000 training grant was committed and the final training was completed by Christmas. 17 companies and 160 individuals have benefitted from fully funded training.

TRAINING



NSITG

The NSITG meets quarterly to promote a fully skilled and qualified workforce and to ensure that all training is in line with stone sector employers' needs and can be accessed at affordable cost with minimum time off-the-job. It also both promotes and accesses CITB funding opportunities.

Stone Industry Professional Practice Course

The pilot programme held in 2014/15 was a great success and achieved all objectives. The content has been mapped to the NVQ L3 in Construction Contracting Operations. An application to the CITB Enhanced Fund to cover a second pilot has been successful and £23,000 of funding support is secure.

The recruitment of twelve candidates has started and three have already been secured. The new programme including eight days of training and the parallel NVQ assessment will start in March 2017. In the interim, there will be meetings with the training providers to ensure a complete coverage of all aspects of working with stone and a logical programme flow.

Sector Specific Training Plan (SSTP)

CITB have invited Stone Federation and the NSITG to take part in a new initiative whereby sector specific training (as opposed to generic) training will benefit from a £100 per candidate per day attendance grant (double the standard rate) for up to 20 companies who register to take part. 2017 will see the establishment of several sector specific programmes (e.g. SFGB's Use of Stone in Building Course and Natural Stone Flooring Course, stone sector SHAD days and DCM based paint strippers and hot limes) and up to twenty stone sector companies have been recruited to take part ready for involvement in the SSTP from August 2017.



Stone Federation would like to thank the StoneTrain Manager, Ian Major, for his work in making this part of the Federation such an invaluable resource to members. Ian works tirelessly to enable members to access training grants, strengthen relationships with industry bodies and provide information on the latest industry and Government training developments.

We would also like to thank Michelle Turner of Stone Restoration Services and Clinton Haigh of Albion Stone for their notable contributions to the training arena of the natural stone industry. Alongside Ian, they work hard to ensure that training provisions within the sector are ahead of the curve.

CPDs



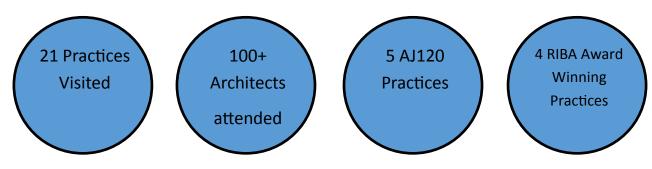
Stone Federation continues to provide architectural and design practices across the UK with our range of CPD titles. These provide us with a unique opportunity to enter the practices of some of the country's most influential architects and help them to understand that natural stone is the ideal construction material.

As a member of the RIBA CPD Provider's Network, the Federation can provide architects with content of the highest quality, as verified by the RIBA. As part of the current refocus and the greater emphasis being placed on the sectors within the Federation, we are working with sector groups to develop specific CPDs. We know that, for example, members working within the Interiors & Surfaces Materials sector have the greatest understanding of the type of questions architects are asking about this subject. This is why we will be working with each sector group to either improve our current presentations or to add new titles to our repertoire.

Our current CPD titles are:

- Selecting the Correct Stone
- Cladding
- Repair & Restoration
- Stone for Interiors
- Landscaping

Stone Federation CPDs - The Statistics



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



Technical Committee

Attendance at the Technical Committee is regarded by many as their main benefit of membership and several new members joined during the year, bringing with them the benefit of their technical experience. It is the largest and best attended of all the groups and its cutting edge approach to industry developments allows it to provide a plethora of information to members.

This group draws on its combined expertise in order to write and comment on proposed Standards and, over the past 12 months, has written industry leading documents that incorporate best practice and current legislation.

Traditional Work on Masonry

Whilst a working party has been set up to progress this matter under the eye of Peter Harrison, the publication of the document on traditional work has been placed on hold whilst the impact of Part L changes to the building regulations can be fully assimilated.

Part L

This document has now been revised and will be published in 2017. Thanks to architect, Graham Lee for all his help with this.



Natural Stone slabs

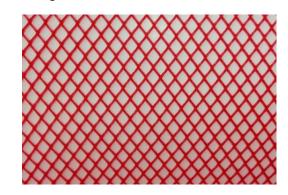
David Burton is the Stone Federation representative on the relevant committee and is working on the revision. The Technical Committee and the wider Federation have been kept up-to-date in the area of paving by the sterling efforts of David Burton.

Wall and Floor Tiling

On behalf of the Federation, Peter Harrison secured the inclusion of natural stone in BS 5385, the Standard that applies to tiling, and this has now been published.

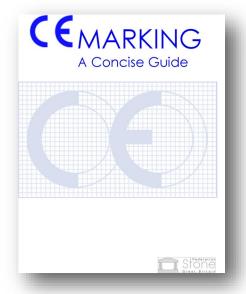
Resin and Stone

A document on resin and natural stone is being prepared which will address all the areas surrounding this issue.



CE Marking

Discussions abounded about this thorny topic but the situation seems to be improving as it becomes more understood both in the UK and the EU.



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



BSI Committees

Following a review of Stone Federation representatives on the relevant committees, our presence was strengthened, thus ensuring a continued high level of input into these important Standards. A full list of Stone Federation representatives on BSI committees can be found on the Federation's website.

We are always looking for willing volunteers, so please do have a look at the various opportunities available. This is a fantastic way to have a significant input into the industry.



The Federation will also continue to seek members' input when there are any new Standards or proposed changes to existing legislation.

It has been agreed that the Stone Federation Technical Committee policy is that any Federation BSI representative must take a brief from us at the outset and ensure they do not deviate from that as well as providing reports to the group after meetings.

It was an aim in 2016, which will now continue on in 2017, to get members more involved in the promotion of documents to avoid an undue burden on a small number of willing volunteers.

Stone Federation in Europe

The Technical Committee have also played a significant role in the Federation's activity in Europe with Peter Harrison, David Burton, David Ellis, Tim Yates and Michael Poultney all taking key roles in this.

2017 is already shaping up to be a busy year for the committee with the launch of several new publications on some key topics and greater involvement in Europe.

Several documents have been circulating for information to the Technical Committee from the EU as a result and some useful networking has taken place.

The Federation will also be returning to Marmomacc in 2017, following on from the success we saw when exhibiting alongside Euroroc at the event in 2016.

Peter Harrison Elected Euroroc President

Stone Federation has the honour of taking the Presidency of this body in the form of Peter Harrison for the next two years.



TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

These are the publications currently available and can be purchased by emailing matt@stonefed.org.uk or by going to the Stone Federation website.

Discounts are available for bulk order and keep your eye out for further publications in the pipeline.



Selecting the Correct Stone

Selecting the Correct Stone -Recently revised, this includes the results of the impact testing research funded by Stone Federation. This comprehensive document sets our best practice for the

selection of natural stone for use in construction, notably larger cladding, flooring, paving and masonry projects



natural stone swimming pools

Swimming Pools - This very comprehensive guide is currently in production. This widely researched document, which contains all the current data available on stone used with swimming pools and, more specifically, the chemicals used within the water in pools.

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Natural Stone - Installation in Wet Rooms, Steam Rooms and Shower Enclosures

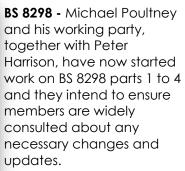
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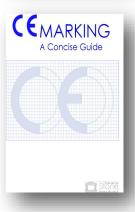
Sheet This document was produced as a result of the sad death of a child involving a falling fireplace surround. It has been produced in co-operation with the HSE who link it on their website with a view to preventing any more accidents. There have been over 9,000 downloads to date.

Wet Rooms Guide -

The natural stone installation in wet rooms, steam rooms and shower enclosures, sets out the principal factors involved when deciding to use stone in wet conditions, as well as considering stone selection, design, installation, protection and maintenance. It also aims to avoid common errors and aesthetic disappointment or design failure.







CE Marking: A Concise Guide -

As part of the CE Marking awareness campaign, we promoted our range of resources that included the CE Marking booklet, downloadable DoP and certificates, as well as technical helplines and facts sheets.

HEALTH & SAFETY

There are some exciting publications in the pipeline, including: guarding of saws, stone slab handling and storage and RCS Q&A datasheet.



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Split Pin Lewis (Lifting Appliance) G

Fireplace Surrounds This document was created in partnership with the HSE and since it's launch, has been downloaded over 9,000 times.

Lewis Pins

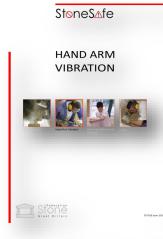
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RISK ASSESSMENT

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APPENDIX 1

HAVS

Hand-arm vibration affects thousands of UK workers and can cause medical afflictions. This document looks at everything from how to risk assess this area and control measures, right through to best practice suggestions and ensuring measuring efficiency.

СОЗНН

The Federation has produced two publications under the COSHH umbrella, both looking at hazardous substances. Appendix 1 covers the list of risk phrases used in assessment and Appendix 2 looks at individual risk assessment.



testing, assessment and guidance

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Slip Resistance, Testing Assessment & Guidance

This covers a range of issues including how to maintain slip resistance, what are the minimum required standards and what the results mean.



Barrister's Opinion on Slip

This document is the result of the Federation seeking a top barrister's opinion on the legal issues surrounding slip resistance, following a high profile case in Ireland, centred around the issues of the slip resistance of flooring.

HEALTH & SAFETY



Introduction

Health and safety is a major part of Stone Federation's work and includes influencing legislation, informing when new regulations are to be enforced, and giving advice and training to enable members to be compliant.

In order to be even more efficient, the Federation replaced the old style Committee with a Health and Safety Forum that is comprised of directors and employees who take responsibility for safety and health from member companies. Ian Smart of HSE attends the meetings and it proves to be a very useful place for a frank exchange of views and sharing of best practice. Once again, members are at the forefront of health and safety legislation and will hear about all the latest from HSE ahead of the game.

The Federation provides a number of health and safety services to members, including advice lines and guidance notes and access to information via the SFGB website.

Stone Federation Representation on External Groups CHARGE – HSE Committee

CHARGE is the HSE committee responsible for the Cement, Ceramic, Concrete, Heavy Clay, Refractories, Glass, Stone, and related non-metal Mineral Products industries.

It provides a forum for exploring common health and safety themes, sharing good practice and informing strategic direction to health and safety initiatives in member organisations and includes representatives from industry and trade unions.

The committee has produced a strategy which includes helping deliver the objectives in HSE's "Helping Britain Work Well" strategy which has six key areas;

Acting Together Tackling ill health Managing risk well Supporting small employers Keeping pace with change Sharing our success. SFGB was elected as a member of CHARGE in March 2016 and Nigel Stubbings, the Federation's health and safety co-ordinator, is the representative for SFGB.

The Quarries Joint National Advisory Committee (QNJAC)

This is focused on promoting the health and safety in all sectors of the quarrying and associated industries and SFGB is represented on this committee by John Myers from the Myers Group. QNJAC produces guidance, tool box talks and other information to assist the industry in achieving its ultimate aim of zero harm.

SFGB Membership criteria – Health and Safety Survey

The Federation has strengthened its membership criteria by making it mandatory that members complete an annual health and safety survey. The analysis of the resultant information gathered could prove very useful to members and the Federation as a whole to target and action the information highlighted. This initiative has been praised by the HSE as another sign that the Federation is very proactive in the health and safety arena.

HSE Liaison

The Federation has always worked closely with the HSE and the relationship has been further enhanced by the HSE joining the Federation on its stand at the Natural Stone Show last year. HSE staff met and advised both SFGB and non-Federation members, and it enforced the message that we are all working together to make the industry safer for everyone. The HSE will be on the Federation's stand again in 2017.

HSE then invited SFGB to attend a briefing of HSE Inspectors before the stone site visit blitz last autumn.

The headline statistics from that exercise were: 58% of those visited had a material breach (twice the normal rate).

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Of the material breaches, 56% had some issues with controlling dust, with a quarter being due to extraction and a quarter due to PPE and masks.

Notices were served on handling and guarding machinery (fixed and hand tools).

HAVS was not identified as a main issue.

Reports on the latest HSE inspections involving stone showed that dust was still the main issue with 50% of sites not compliant. However, this was down on the previous figures of 60/70%, so it was pleasing to note signs of improvement. The issues ranged between not using respirators, faulty equipment, face fit tests not carried out or not policed, etc. Ian Smart said that the inspectors' site visits in 2017 would concentrate on guarding and use of bridge saws, dust, that water suppression was working and health surveillance.

Fireplace Surround Guidance Document

Another good example of the HSE and Stone Federation working collaboratively to improve safety was the production of the Fireplace Surrounds Data Sheet. The circumstances surrounding its original production were that the Coroner presiding over the case of the death of a child caused by an incorrectly fixed fireplace falling, had asked Stone Federation to produce a document on the safe fitting of fireplace surrounds as none existed. The HSE then asked to assist and have it advertised on their website and both parties agreed it should be freely available in order to try and prevent any further accidents or deaths in the future. To date 9,000 have been downloaded from the Stone Federation website.

Guidance on Supply of Tools and Equipment

The Federation is looking at the viability of a project with the HSE to work with suppliers in the natural stone industry to identify and improve the best examples of materials and tools available to stone companies. This should prove to be a very worthwhile exercise and will enable members to have a direct say and involvement in making sure that the tools and equipment they have to work with every day perform well, whilst enabling them to be health and safety compliant. Members will be surveyed to see which manufacturers and tools are being used. There was also discussion on the provision from some EU countries, of saws and other machinery, which did not conform to EU legislation. Several SFGB members had purchased some equipment and then found it had to be modified to be usable in the UK.

Contact will be made by the HSE with the Italian regulators to enquire how they are to tackle this issue and SF will assist. It is important to get the message across to all agents and importers in the UK that they are responsible for the machinery being fit for purpose as they are placing it on the market.

Safety Health Awareness Day (SHAD)

HSE and SFGB jointly organised another SHAD held at Schlüter–Systems Ltd in Coalville with 54 delegates attending.

These are popular events and give delegates a chance to hear direct from the HSE speakers what they are expecting and the standards the companies need to meet and they give practical tips on how to meet all the relevant legislation.

Members' services

The members' 24 hours per day 365 days a year advice line was up and running and the queries to date were mainly related to completing the health and safety section of pre-qualification questionnaires.

The SFGB website is being updated and there will be a new Health and Safety section in 2017. This will complement the HSE website and give more stone specific information and advice.

Health & Safety Helpline

Stone Federation continues to operate a 365 days, 24/7 health and safety helpline. Remember, this is a free helpline for use by any of your staff and can be accessed as many times as you require.

ETHICAL STONE REGISTER

Background

The start of the journey towards the creation of the Ethical Stone Register by the Sustainability and Ethical Sourcing Forum began when the Federation was contacted by a member who had been unable to get on to a tender list due to lack of ethical sourcing credentials and the fact that other options, such as ETI, had proved to be prohibitively expensive and not all companies are able to apply to join. Large companies were able to do this because of their size and economics, but it was often difficult for smaller companies with less resources to undertake this kind of action.



The client involved was also unsure as to what was available in the way of "ethical checks" and it was felt that this illustrated the problem of lack of education and understanding amongst clients when compiling their ethical sourcing requirements for tender lists. It was agreed that it was very much an educational process and ongoing.

The way forward

It was agreed that Stone Federation needed to do something to assist members and that it needed to be a stage on from adhering to the ethical sourcing statement in the membership criteria, although this was a good start.

It was important to have an independent scheme so that members get a credit and recognition from Bream for being an SF member. In this way the clients' procurement team could see the value of being a member of Stone Federation, just as the UK Major Contractors Group had in a statement that said, "Stone Federation membership was recognition that the company was working towards ethical sourcing and sustainability". As part of becoming a Stone Federation member, you have to produce evidence of accounts, health and safety policy, references and therefore, evidence of the quality management scheme could be easy to add on to this request. It was felt important to work to ensure that procurement teams were asking the right questions. It was important to create a robust scheme to make it useful for Stone Federation members and help them not to lose projects due to lack of ethical sourcing certification. The driver out there is Bream and Lead and it is important to get members to engage with the process correctly and educate them that they are doing it for the right reasons and not just to "get the badge."

It was very important to find out from members what they have currently got and what they understand of the ethical sourcing certification process and this was done by means of a questionnaire. This was very much a case of "awareness raising" for a lot of members, many of whom were SMEs and needed to be assisted to obtain the trail that they needed to prove their ethical credentials and it was very much a case of the Federation being supportive.

The Forum then discussed and engaged with a number of stakeholders in order to progress this. A proposal for an Ethical Sourcing Register for use by Stone Federation members had now been agreed by the Executive and this has been progressed over the past few months.

Three companies have agreed in principal to take part in the pilot scheme and other companies and organisations, including trade federations, are also showing an interest. The feedback from the main contractors and clients is also very positive.

This will be a sector specific scheme in order to be able to offer best value and will represent a broad range of the general membership, covering as many different aspects of this issue as possible, including importers, quarries who export and contractors. Members will also be asked to share their personal experiences of how they currently check on the source of their stone so that any "best practices" can be incorporated.

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Responsible & Ethical Sourcing for the Stone Industry – Scheme Proposal

Responsible and ethical sourcing of products is about manufacturers, suppliers and customers taking responsibility for the working conditions of the people who make the products they make, sell, buy and use. While important, it is more than just about making sure that workers are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Furthermore, clients and companies in the UK and throughout the EU member states are increasingly seeking information on origins of the products they procure and use on construction projects. Responsible sourcing of construction products addresses aspects such as:

- stakeholder engagement
- labour practices
- the management of supply chains serving materials sectors upstream of the manufacturer.

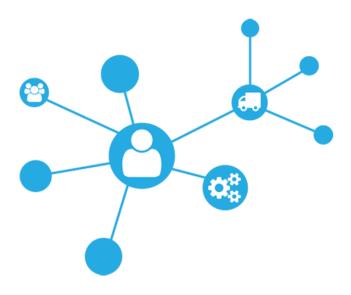
The stone industry is at the forefront of exposure to the issue of responsible and ethical sourcing as many products are purchased from abroad - often from those areas where it is known that these challenges will exist e.g. China and India.



However, many smaller organisations have struggled largely through size (and available finance) rather than desire to try to tackle this challenge. Stone Federation believes it has a responsibility to the client base, the industry and its members to try to make a difference on this issue.

It is the ambition of the Sustainability and Ethical Sourcing Forum to provide support to the members on the responsible sourcing journey – thereby minimising the risk of large-scale PR disasters such as the horse meat scandal (as experienced by Tesco in the UK). Emotive pictures of child labour in Indian quarries have already been seen in the press – this must be avoided if the image of the natural stone industry is to remain untarnished.

This scheme provides a system of reporting ethical and responsible sourcing that can be implemented by all members of the Stone Federation. It would improve the credibility of members and the Federation alike and allow a better understanding of how the issues are being tackled within the industry. Stone Federation aims to get all members started on the journey but will be designed to allow those that have made progress to gain extra recognition for their efforts and investment.



The scheme is to be administered and run through Stone Federation and will align itself with the membership criteria, registration and data submittal process. The scheme needs to be able to demonstrate progression and encourage organisations to engage with the issue and work towards solutions.

At the same time, the scheme must also be appropriately ambitious so clients can appreciate the effort that an organisation has to commit to be registered even at the entry level. Equally important, however, is that any means by which a company can gain recognition must be cost effective and manageable until such times as they truly recognise the benefits.

SCOTTISH SECTION

Alex Stark

Alex Stark (Chairman of SFGB Scottish Section) passed away on 13 January 2016 at home in Edinburgh. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends from throughout his very memorable life.



Alex started working as a stonemasonry apprentice in 1952 and remained active and influential in the industry and wider built environment throughout his life.

Alex volunteered considerable time as Scottish Chairman of Stone Federation, founding Director of Scottish Stone Liaison Group and founding member of the Scottish Traditional Building Forum and always championed the cause of trades, ensuring traditional tools and techniques were valued skills.

During his 61 years' service to the stone industry (only interrupted by National Service) he gained an irreplaceable degree of knowledge which he happily shared. He had an unfailing degree of fortitude and a willingness to recognise and adapt to change.

Alex will be remembered for a long time for his positive impact on the stone industry.

Traditional Building Skills Demonstrations

Traditional stonemasonry skills were showcased at events across Scotland as part of traditional building skills demonstrations.

These were held in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth and Thornhill. Local school children came to try their hand at stonemasonry to encourage them to consider the industry as a career of choice.

Numerous MPs and MSPs attended the events, and tried their hand at stonemasonry, including the Deputy First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.



The event at Thornhill took place at the premises of Tradstocks with pupils from five schools attending and our member kindly gave the school children and teachers a tour round the yard so they could appreciate the stone cutting process.

CPDs

SFGB continues to deliver CPDs to key stakeholders in the Scottish traditional building sector, from architectural practices to local authorities, which have been well received.

The demand for these CPDs continues with Perth & Kinross Council, Fife Council and Network Rail being the latest organisations to request them.



SCOTTISH SECTION

Doors Open Day 2016

SFGB was involved in a Doors Open Day event at The Lighthouse in Glasgow in September which featured a number of talks and demonstrations throughout the day.

Stonemasonry was featured once again with several members of the public having a go under the watchful eye of tradespeople.

This opportunity, alongside others, are all part of the Federation's aim of ensuring that the craft of stonemasonry continues to receives the profile and support it deserves.

Edinburgh Traditional Building Festival 2016 The fifth Edinburgh Traditional Building Festival was held in August 2016 and formed part of the official Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Due to previous success this year's event was delivered in five venues across Edinburgh and over 750 attended the events.

This year there was a stonemasonry demonstration and two geology building stone walks which complimented each other very well and were among the first to be sold out.

This year's event was featured in a Scottish Parliamentary Motion from Alison Johnstone MSP which recognised SFGB's sponsorship and support for the event.

The Federation's Scottish Section has always played an active part in this initiative and it provides us with a great opportunity to promote both the Federation and our members to the traditional building sector.



Falkirk Steeple

SFGB member, Land Engineering, were working on Falkirk Steeple (funded through Falkirk THI) and the Federation organised for a tour by local MSP, Michael Matheson (Justice Secretary) and MP, John McNally.



Mini-Golf

SFGB was featured in a mini-golf course which was situated in the centre of Edinburgh during the whole of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Tradstocks kindly donated materials for the bases of the golf holes and collected them at the end of the event, while Forth Stone prepared and featured a golf hole.



Stone Federation would like to thank the Scottish Section's secretary, John McKinney for all his hard work in promoting the work of the Federation and our Scottish members at the large number of events he attends on our behalf each year.

SERVICES

These are all the free services that membership of Stone Federation entitles you and your staff to use as often as you wish.

The procedure for helplines is that you receive an initial 20 minutes of advice on the telephone, free of charge. For visits, reports, letters or more in depth assistance, a charge will be made at preferential members' rates and you will be advised of this, and your agreement sought, before any charges are implemented.

To access any of our helplines, use the various email addresses or telephone numbers below. We will aim to provide an answer within three working days.



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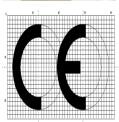
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Member Feedback

"The Federation's technical helpline has proved an invaluable resource for our company and provided us with vital backup on several occasions."

"When the CE Marking legislation first came into effect the CE Marking helpline really helped us in finding our feet in this area.

"Our Health & Safety employee has found the Health, Safety & Welfare helpline a really useful tool in the day to day running of our stonemasonry business.

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The Officers and Executive have continued to do a sterling job on behalf of the Federation and Members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for their invaluable contribution.