

LONDON BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

INTRODUCTION.

The past 18 months have been a challenge for both the Branch and the Society, in February 2018 we turned a corner with the appointment of a new chair, Jacqui Semple. Quality, transparency and governance are all priorities for the branch, we still have some way to go here ourselves. In future we will publish our own branch executive meeting minutes on the EPS Website and will use our activity tracker to support the EPS national operations committee (NOC).

EVENTS

In 2018 the branch was represented at the following events:

- Feb: Infrastructure and Societal Resilience to Black Sky Hazards: London
- Mar: EU Civil Protection 2018: Brussels
- Mar: SCTX : Olympia – Stand Manning
- Nov: UK Security Expo: Olympia, stand manning

CONSULTATIONS

As a branch we supported and EPS national response to a Cabinet Office consultation on Resilience Standards. Two members of the Branch supported multiple meetings of the BSi committee drafting BS 67000, the British Standard for City resilience

OUTREACH.

In December 17 we had our AGM in Scotland Yard where members were presented with their GRIFFIN instructors certificates and a Commissioner's commendation.

We have engaged with the Institute of Fire Protection Officers and the Security Institute

The London Branch Linked In Group has remained at a steady state, this year, but remains an under utilised resource. We started a Whats App group this year but to date only have 10 participants. During 2018 the branch Twitter account, @TheEPSLdn , grew from 37 to 277 followers, a start, but still room for improvement.

FUTURE INTENTIONS

Some of our immediate aspirations were listed in the email of March 9th. Our long term vision is to build a branch that is relevant not only to the emergency planning and resilience community in London, but also to the wider community, a branch that represents its members. We also want our branch to be accountable and transparent.

Our immediate goals:

- Improve our visibility through increased liaison with other organisations, starting with academia, providing opportunities for Students, Academia, our membership and Category 1 and 2 Responders. We will support EPS national initiatives such as those to collaborate with ICPEM.
- Enhance understanding around o Individual, household and community resilience
 - o The contributions business and volunteer responders can make to emergency planning and response.
- Support the society through involvement in the NOC and PWGs
- Increase membership by helping to re-define the EPS value proposition.

MEMBERSHIP

Recognising that we need to bring fresh blood in to the organisation to sustain it, we will lobby and support for greater value for Student members.

We will look to fill the four outstanding vacancies on the branch exec, without these the branch is less agile and less able to meet its commitments. These roles are for :

- Branch secretary
- Events
- Membership
- External relations

Over the last 18 months we have gained lost 12 members, the figure now sits at 141 souls. Our grant from EPS national is directly related to our head count, at present we have 24 members who are overdue on their subscriptions. At this stage I will hand over to Paul our Treasures to cover our finances.