

# ICES and RICS sign historical MOU

The institution has entered into a historic agreement with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Presidents of both institutions signed a memorandum of understanding recognising the strength each plays in supporting the surveying profession in the UK and overseas. For the first time, these two leading surveying institutions are acknowledging their different areas of expertise and supporting each other in honouring their royal charters in instilling excellence in the profession.

The memorandum was signed on 23 January 2013 at the Westminster headquarters of RICS by Alan Barrow FCIInstCES MRICS, president of ICES, and Alan Collett FRICS, president of RICS. Alan Barrow said: "This historic agreement builds on the unique knowledge and expertise that each organisation represents in different sectors of surveying. It sets aside decades of friendly rivalry and establishes a framework whereby we can move forward through genuine co-operation and joint initiatives within the engineering community." Alan Collett commented: "The agreement is the result of a long series of meetings and discussions between senior members and staff, and will provide a solid platform for future collaborative working. Both institutions have multiple opportunities for knowledge sharing and capacity building in fast developing and new exciting sectors such as building information modeling (BIM)."

The institutions vary dramatically in size but share a common interest in furthering the profession of surveyors working in civil engineering. RICS has members covering a broad range of surveying specialisms, whereas ICES has members working specifically in the commercial management and geospatial engineering aspects of civil engineering projects. The memorandum of understanding will see greater links being forged between ICES and the Geomatics and QS & Construction professional groups within RICS. ICES and RICS already work closely within global organisations such as the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC).

ICES chief executive Bill Pryke said: "It is the recognition of our individual strengths that makes this agreement so rewarding. For the first time, RICS is recognising the expertise of ICES members' unique knowledge and expertise within civil engineering surveying and ICES is recognising the expertise, unique knowledge and expertise of RICS within the sectors of land, property and the built environment." RICS Land Group director James Kavanagh said: "Many members from both of our institutions have worked hard to bring forward this MOU.



Alan Barrow (l) with RICS president Alan Collett.

We believe it provides RICS and ICES with a strong framework to build on for the future of our profession, to help remove any perception of fragmentation, to increase client confidence and gives a strong message to young people that this is a profession of the future."

The agreement has been welcomed by the Construction Industry Council (CIC), of which both institutions are members. Graham Watts, CIC chief executive, said: "CIC considers the agreement to be bringing clarity to the mutual roles of the two institutions and this will be of benefit to the industry and the public as a whole."

Members wanting to discuss the MOU should contact chief executive Bil Pryke on +44 (0)161 972 3100 or [bpryke@cices.org](mailto:bpryke@cices.org)

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All members are requested to attend the forthcoming annual general meetings that will be held in their local region. The AGMs provide a valuable opportunity to learn about the work of the institution and hear plans for the future, whilst networking with like-minded professionals. Further details and contacts can be found on the region pages of CES and the website [www.cices.org](http://www.cices.org)

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 13 March 2013, 7.30pm  
 Huntingdon

**Eastern & Midlands**  
 12 March 2013, 6.30pm  
 Nottingham

**Hong Kong**  
 20 March 2013, 7pm  
 Hong Kong

**Ireland & N Ireland**  
 12 March 2013, 6.30pm  
 Dublin

**Northern Counties**  
 18 March 2013, 6pm  
 Washington

**N West & N Wales**  
 5 March 2013, 6.30pm  
 Sale

**Scotland**  
 12 March 2013, 6pm  
 Stirling

**UAE**  
 19 March 2013, 7pm  
 Dubai

**South East**  
 21 March 2013, 6.30pm  
 London

**S West & S Wales**  
 12 March 2013, 6pm  
 Bristol

**Yorkshire**  
 19 March 2013, 9.30am  
 Barnsley

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