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## CIBSE UAE appoints Reid Donovan as Chairman

The Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) has appointed Reid Donovan as the new Chairman in the UAE. Reid, who is the regional director at MEP consultancy Chapman BDSP, said “it was an honour to be elected chairman” by his peers and that he intends to make a positive impact for members during his tenure. The plan is to take the membership of the institute past the 400 mark by the end of the year.

ChapmanBDSP has worked on a number of landmark projects within the UAE and has offices in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

In his first interview since being elected chairman, Reid said, the organisation remained committed to raising standards. A series of behind the scenes project tours and talks from industry experts on “leftfield subjects” would increase interest, Reid stated. “My key goals are to keep the committee highly organised through regular continued personal development seminars and then going a little ‘leftfield’ with the subject matter to ensure our members are engaged” Reid said. “We will capture a slightly wider audience with future events. We plan a number of talks and behind the scenes tour of an iconic building followed by an insight into the way the building is managed and maintained.”

Reid revealed the committee had already set its sights on securing experts on a range of topics from BIM, through to the use of augmented reality and modularisation “They are all hot topics at the moment and we need to explore whether they are viable in the UAE market,” he said.

Read the full article here:

[mepmiddleeast.com/people/appointments/70942-cibse-appoints-reid-donovan-as-new-chairman](http://mepmiddleeast.com/people/appointments/70942-cibse-appoints-reid-donovan-as-new-chairman)



Reid Donovan. CIBSE UAE Chairman

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# New UAE Committee formed

Introducing the CIBSE UAE Regional Committee for 2018-19

Chair:	Reid Donovan
Vice Chair:	Dr. Hasim Altan
Hon Secretary:	Barrie Harmsworth
Hon Treasurer:	Conor Moore
Education and Careers Champion:	Imran Sheikh
Membership Champion:	Reid Donovan and Jamie Darragh
Webmaster/Publicity Officer:	Vacant position (Refer to the advertisement)
Meeting and Events Organiser	
Champion and Social Secretary:	Vacant position (Refer to the advertisement)
Newsletter Champion:	Keith Perry
Local Authority Liaison Officer:	Azmi Aboul-Hoda
Secretary CIBSE UAE Dubai Committee:	Isora Chacon Cronly
WiBSE Representative:	Farah Naz
YEN Representative:	Munis Hameed
SoPHE Representative:	Keith Perry
Chair Technical Sub-Committee:	Isaac Coker
Chair Abu Dhabi Chapter	Dan Williams
Membership Secretary Abu Dhabi Chapter :	Richard Ebrahim

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members should you wish to know more about CIBSE and their activities within the UAE. [UAE@cibse.org](mailto:UAE@cibse.org)

## Chairman's Vision/Mission

- Membership benefits, growth and retention.
- Continue to host technical evenings, forums and seminars, talks from industry experts, 'leftfield' subjects to increase interest. From BIM, through to the use of augmented reality and modularisation.
- Increase local CIBSE membership to 400+ in the coming year, focus across all membership grades, supported by the UAE committee through provision of technical and CIBSE support.
- Campaign of greater awareness of CIBSE locally within the UAE.
- Publication of Local UAE Dubai Design Guidelines for MEP Services.
- Closer collaboration and awareness with local and regulatory authorities.
- Keep the committee highly organised and ensure everyone representing the CIBSE on the UAE committee contributes, satisfying their roles.
- Continued collaborative working with the other working groups and sub-committees, such as YEN, WiBSE, SoPHE, SLL and the Abu Dhabi Chapter.
- End of year dinner event and local awards ceremony.



# CIBSE UAE Week / Future Events

As part of Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers' "CIBSE UAE Week" programme, CIBSE organised a conference "Meeting the challenges of tall building design in the Gulf Region" on 1st November in Dubai that addressed the challenges of tall building design.

The event included a keynote presentation from CIBSE President, Peter Y Wong with other speakers from the UK as well as local experts, providing insights into the challenges of delivering tall buildings in the gulf environment. The Technical Conference was the first of its kind in the UAE and also looked at cyber security, fire strategy and the challenges of designing hydraulic systems – such as chilled water and mains water – in super-tall buildings.

## Upcoming Events

Event 1:

SoPHE

24th October 2018

Blucher - Drainage guidelines

Media Rotana 7pm

Event 2:

SoPHE

21st November 2018

Events details TBC

## WIBSE Event Self-Confidence Formula

28th June 2018

On Feb 28th WIBSE UAE invited leadership coach Kim A Page, who is a dynamic trainer and speaker, to give a talk focusing on empowerment and assisting self-accomplished men and women lead fulfilling lives.

Kim's session was full of insight and tools for the modern woman, and the event was attended by both construction and non-construction sector women.

The environment was highly energetic with discussions around leadership and diversity within the construction sector.

One of the topics covered during the event was "**Getting the Right Kind of Loud**" which means knowing how to adjust to the person you are trying to reach, fine-tuning to the situation and the kind of influence you are looking for.

This was one of the many tools discussed to help people expand their comfort zone, connecting with the people in the room, on stage, in meetings and boardrooms, in interviews and sales pitches as well as in everyday conversations.

It was only one of the initiatives that Kim was promoting, but a very powerful one.

The message was that with the "**Right Kind of Loud**" you can engage in any kind of situation you walk into.



# SoPHE elect new UAE representative

Keith Perry has been confirmed as the new representative for SoPHE in the UAE.

A new representative was needed when Andrew Russell, Project Director Public Health for Hilson Moran, had to step down after one very successful year in office, due in part to his relocation to Qatar but also because of his increased workload following his promotion to Project Director.

SoPHE thanks Andrew for his endeavours and commitment to SoPHE and acknowledge his involvement in formulating the UAE chapter.

Following on from the good work that has been done during the inaugural year of SoPHE, Keith has committed to ensuring that the momentum is not lost and that the UAE SoPHE chapter continues to grow.

The sharing of knowledge is one of the key drivers for SoPHE in the region and the very successful CPD seminars that are held at Media Rotana will re-continue in October of this year. Details will be provided to all members.

A thank you to Polypipe Middle East for its support since the inception of the Society and its ongoing commitment to SoPHE UAE. During 2018/2019 new sponsors will be sought to better equip the Society to offer more diverse training seminars to our membership

There will be a further drive for new membership, in collaboration with CIBSE for all membership categories and a renewed request for volunteers to assist with committee positions within SoPHE. We are currently supported by a committee of one: Supreeth Rangappa – WSP Principal Engineer, who has been tirelessly assisting since the formation of SoPHE in the region however a bit more help would be greatly appreciated.

The last SoPHE Technical presentation was supported by more than 60 attendees, which we aim to emulate at our next function in October.



Keith Perry. SoPHE UAE Representative

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**Society of Public Health Engineers - UAE Technical Evening**

Polypipe

CIBSE

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Please contact myself ([keith.perry@Polypipe.com](mailto:keith.perry@Polypipe.com)) should you feel that you would like to volunteer and contribute.



# YEN - Events and News

## CIBSE YEN Global Chair 2018-2019

The CIBSE Young Engineers Network in Dubai was launched in April 2015 where I became part of the founding committee, as a Technical Officer (2015-2016) taking the responsibility of organizing technical seminars in Dubai.

After having successfully fulfilled my role for year, I was elected by YEN committee members and general members as Vice Chair for the year 2016-2017.

During my position as Vice Chair, I took lead in organizing the YEN Global Chairs Conference which was part of CIBSE UAE Week 2017.

My function as liaison between YEN Dubai and CIBSE HQ proved vital leading to the successful organization of the event. My success as Vice Chair was recognized and acknowledged through my election as the YEN Chair of Dubai in 2018.

Taking part in YEN Global Chair's conference in Edinburgh, Dubai and London over the past 2 years, I have recognized the significance of YEN in CIBSE and the importance of YEN activities conducted in every region. The passion, commitment and dedication of all global chairs and vice chairs has motivated me and encouraged me to strengthen the presence of YEN in my region.

My commitment to CIBSE YEN over the past three years has lead me to become part of the wider CIBSE networks as I was recently elected as the Global Chair of CIBSE YEN 2018-2019 to carry the spirit of YEN forward for the coming year ensuring operations of all regions and managing the YEN activities around the world.

This marks the first instance where a Global Chair is appointed outside of UK. As the YEN regions spread from UK to Australia, I am strategically placed in Dubai to effectively liaise with all regions and efficiently undertake my role as Chair in managing all regions.

Munis Hameed



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A group of 22 CIBSE YEN chairs and vice-chairs, from seven countries, attended the CIBSE YEN Global Conference in Dubai in October. They were joined by Jacob Kopocis, from Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA), YEN mentor Andrew Saville, and CIBSE technical director Hywel Davies.

The event aimed to strengthen connections between YEN centres across the globe and with the young engineers of ASHRAE, as well as support newer centres in the Gulf and Australia. It was also an opportunity to explore the challenges of designing tall buildings in hot climates, learn from sustainable case studies, and gain an understanding of the history and culture of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

## CIBSE at Career Fair at BITS PILANI, Dubai Campus



CIBSE organised a stall at BITS Piloni Dubai Campus to engage with students providing insight about building services and CIBSE. In the full day event, CIBSE representative Jerin Jacob interacted with numerous students ranging from different disciplines of electrical, electronics and mechanical. It was a good event where more than 20 students registered with CIBSE for student memberships. In the coming month after the University end of term examination, CIBSE plans to organise an official launch of CIBSE chapter in the university to increase student memberships with CIBSE.

## CIBSE UAE Collaboration with Manipal University Dubai

CIBSE Education and Career Champion Mr. Imran Shaikh and YEN student representative Mr. Jerin Jacob met with Manipal university's official on 5th July 2018 for collaboration with CIBSE and starting a local chapter in the university. This meeting was well represented including key persons like Dr. S.K. Pandey Professor and Chairperson, School of Engineering & IT and Mr. Abdul Razzak Suhail, Head-Corporate Alliances and Partnerships.

This was a very positive meeting with various aspects related to building service industry and CIBSE accreditation process was discussed. CIBSE UAE is currently organising a presentation in the campus in the second week of September 2018 focusing on Sustainability, building service industry and providing an insight about the CIBSE Students membership. Manipal University being a reputed engineering campus with more than 600 students. This collaboration will further strengthen CIBSE's involvement in the local universities and expected to boost student memberships further.



# Abu Dhabi Chapter - Events and News

CIBSE has established a new Chapter in Abu Dhabi. It was officially launched in January 2017, with the intention of reaching out to more members in the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The creation of the Chapter follows the launch of the UAE Region in April 2016. An Abu Dhabi committee was subsequently formed with members including: Chair: Dan Williams, of Black & White Engineering; Membership Secretary Richard Ebrahim, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi; YEN champion May Shunnar, Acoulite; Events Officer Mohamed Abubaker, Schneider Electric; Technical Officer Ninos Kamber, Hilson Moran; and Society of Light and Lighting Technical lead Chris Ackers, Fagerhult.



## The chapter offers members across the UAE valuable CPD

Marhaba and greetings, from the CIBSE Abu Dhabi Chapter. The United Arab Emirate (UAE) group has just celebrated its first anniversary.

The Chapter was formed in January 2017, to help the UAE committee deliver events and offer networking opportunities to more members in the region. It held its first event in April – a chilled beams seminar by Trox – that was received positively, with more than 30 people from Dubai and Abu Dhabi. More recently, it took part in the Young Engineers Network (YEN) Global Conference, with visits to Masdar City, Cleveland Clinic hospital and the Grand Mosque.

The events not only offer valuable CPD and information on new and emerging technologies, but are also an excellent chance to meet other members and industry professionals in the region. A number of activities are planned for 2018, starting with a seminar on data centre technologies.

The Abu Dhabi Chapter is chaired by Dan Williams, of Black & White Engineering, who is supported by: Richard Ebrahim, membership secretary; Mohd AbuBaker, events officer; Ninos Kamber, technical officer; Chris Ackers, Society of Light and Lighting representative; and Robert Totton, general committee member. For more about events in the UAE, visit [www.cibse.org/uae](http://www.cibse.org/uae)

Since then, the group has held numerous events, including: 'Lighting with Henrik' by Henrik Clausen of Fagerhult; 'Solar thermal and heat pumps' by Ecoval; and 'Healthcare lighting' by Whitecroft.





## Dubai Design Guidelines



CIBSE UAE Technical sub-committee (under the chairmanship of Isaac Coker) has produced MEP services Design Guidelines for Dubai to assist engineers coming from elsewhere in the world to work in UAE. The Guidelines are currently being reviewed by CIBSE HQ, DM and DEWA the plan is that once we've received comments from all and incorporated them, the Guidelines will be published and shared with the Engineering Community.

## Engineering Council Requirements

NOTICE\* All Engineers: The Engineering Council requires CPD records be submitted from January 2019, make sure you are ready.

## Newly elected Global Chair for YEN

A new Chairperson is required for YEN UAE due to the current Chairman - Munis Hameed – Mechanical Engineer from Ramboll Middle East and India, being elected as the “Global Chair for YEN.”

We are looking for new Honorary Secretary, Social Officers and Technical Officer to join our growing pool of committee members.

Munis will step down from his current position as Chair person for YEN UAE and thereby leave the position vacant for another person to be elected. This is the first time that a person from outside the UK has been elected to this position and is a true acknowledgement of the growing perception of the region.

“Many Congratulations” Munis

## CIBSE UAE - 2018 Annual General Meeting

The AGM commenced with the order of business where Raef gave his well received retirement address, acknowledging all the fine efforts made by the team during his tenure and the number of sponsored events that were successfully organised and particularly highlighting the YEN and UAE CIBSE weeks.

Reid Donovan was advised as the newly elected Chairman of UAE - CIBSE, other elected personnel were Vice Chair – Dr Hasim Altan, Treasurer – Conor Moore and Honorary Secretary - Barrie Harmsworth.

The formal presentation of the Chair medallion by Raef to Reid was concluded with the suitable amount of pomp and Reid, whilst a little surprised by his election, managed to provide a brief address offering his gratitude to Raef and committee members for their sterling efforts during the previous tenure and also reaffirming the commitment of UAE-CIBSE, himself and the committee members to achieve even greater heights than those achieved prior.



# CIBSE UAE Iftar-Dusit Thani Hotel Dubai

Wednesday 13.06.2018

The UAE CIBSE Committee Iftar dinner was held at the Dusit Thani on Sheik Zayed road with with the committee members all thoroughly enjoying the event.

The ambience of the venue and specifically the reason of Iftar, which is one of the religious observances of Ramadan, was embraced by all with the group gathering to break their fast together.



## Past Events

CIBSE UAE are now using “EVENTBRITE” as the platform to create professional event ticketing and registration pages for all UAE events, this will enable the ability to manage and analyze our events and access real-time check-in data, but also has the function to manage and promote 24/7.

For access to past and future events follow the links below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/cibse-yen-uae-12199956050>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/sophe-uae-13709689723>

The Eventbrite logo, featuring the word "Eventbrite" in white text on an orange rounded rectangular background.

### Note\*

We will soon be adding the CIBSE “Mechanical” “Electrical” “WIBSE” landing pages (or maybe CIBSE combined), in the future and will advise the links once completed.

## SoPHE CDP Seminar 09.05.2018

The SoPHE event held at Media Rotana, Tecom – 09.05.2018 was a great success with 63 attendees, the topic of the evening was “High Rise Water Services and Drainage Considerations” presented by Keith Perry – Polypipe Middle East Technical Director.

The design of high rise building services is still not governed by clearly defined regulations however there are many guidelines and local Authority requirements that are used within the Middle East regions and this drove the presentation and discussions for the evening.

The CPD presentation provided by Polypipe Middle East discussed and explored design solutions together with guidance specifically for Dubai/Abu Dhabi including:

- Pressure pipe solution – water services
- Distribution system – water services
- Drainage pipework – Above ground
- Alternative water conveyance/attenuation and passive irrigation solutions
- Blue / Green Roofs & Podium Decks

The focus was on high rise construction and associated utilities within the building and plot highlighting the lack of definitive regulations, but availability of guidelines, and where they could be located.

The evening finished with general discussions specifically regarding design solutions which forms the core of the SoPHE mantra “The sharing of knowledge.”

The next SoPHE event will be in 24th October 2018 – Media Rotana with a presentation by Blucher.



## CIBSE UAE is continuing to expand...

and we are looking for further support to enhance our offering to the membership, currently we have two positions for which we need immediate assistance (volunteers), which are listed below.



**CIBSE**  
**United Arab Emirates**



### Webmaster & Publicity Co-ordinator

Duties would include but not be limited to:

- Liaise with the person organising a regional event to ensure that all information is available to members before all events.
- Maintain the regional webpage.
- Liaise with the web Manager based at HQ.
- Conversant and knowledgeable with web editing guide.
- Ensure that all event details are submitted to HQ in a timely manner for uploading to the web-page and circulation via e-mail to all members.
- Ensure maximum exposure and publicity through local press, radio, TV stations, industry publications and other media platforms to ensure that all activities and events are well advertised also publicise all important meeting within the institution journal.

### CIBSE - Events Organiser

Duties would include but not be limited to:

- Willing to undertake and understand CIBSE seminar/events requirements
- Self-motivated, collaborative and organised.
- An ability to work effectively with diverse personalities.
- Can work on own initiative and to set timescales.
- Aware of health & safety, disability access regulations and legislation.
- Demonstrate ability for accuracy and thoroughness.
- Able to work under pressure and as part of a team.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Time to update your diary: 20th February 2019 –  
CIBSE Gala Dinner (Further information to follow).





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