

# FIRE SAFETY AWARD 2004



The Association of Building Engineers prides itself on its contribution to Fire Safety and in

particular the contribution by its members to the development and creation of a fire safe environment. As part of this process the Association provides a Fire Safety Award. The Fire Safety Award is presented to a person, company or organisation who, through invention, research, design, publicity, education, training or any other related activity, has been nominated, and in the opinion of the award panel, has made a significant contribution to the advancement of fire safety, fire protection or fire

engineering in the past year. 2004 was a first for the Association in that a member of the Presidential Team, David Smith VPBEng CEng FIFireE FBEng FCII ASFPE, Past President of the Institution of Fire Engineers, was nominated. David's work and commitment to the development of British Standards both as an individual and chairperson focused on developments within the BS 5588 series and proposals geared towards management and fire safety engineering. His activity in this area included presentations at local, national and international level, working closely with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. David was presented with his Award by ABE President, Chris Dawson, at the Integrating Building Design and Fire & Rescue Service Procedures seminar in Northampton. This event also recognised David's contribution towards the Building Disaster Assessment Group (BDAG) and his involvement in the transfer of research into practice. The seminar considered the roles of BDAG, its development and activity in response to the 9/11 disaster and the research instigated as part of

the Government's response. The event looked very closely at the way building design and fire service procedures interact and the way in which the responsibilities and roles for the future may change. It was pleasing to see the commitment of the Government by way of investment into research geared to human and physical responses by the fire and rescue service in a fully tested fire situation. Feedback from the research is being considered in the developments geared towards the Building Regulations Part B which is currently under review. David participated during the proceedings and led the summary and open forum discussion: Where do we go from here? A very positive event and worthy recognition of David Smith and the Fire Safety Award 2004.



David Smith, Dave Berry, Chris Dawson, Simon Hunt, Anthony Burd, David Gibson

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### HOME INSPECTOR DIPLOMA

The Association of Building Engineers, as part of its ongoing promotion and delivery of the Home Inspector Diploma, participated in a very positive seminar at the Bristol Inn, Gloucestershire. The event provided the opportunity for professionals to explore the potential for consolidation of existing and development of new business within the residential market. The ABE, as one of four assessment centres, is currently offering support to members and fellow professionals in the development of portfolios en route to their final test and licence as Home Inspectors. These activities are supported by a full range of training events that, whilst being geared to the home inspector and the residential market, provide an invaluable opportunity to update and revise existing

skills and explore new developments. Members wishing to explore the Home Inspector Diploma can do so by visiting the website [abe-assess.org.uk](http://abe-assess.org.uk) and review the training opportunities within the Seminars and Workshop supplement in the Journal.



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1	South West To book e-mail: <a href="mailto:kate.borrill@abe.org.uk">kate.borrill@abe.org.uk</a>	Regional CPD Event – Marsham Court Hotel	27.04.05	Bournemouth
		Electricity and the Residential Property – Marsham Court Hotel	20.09.05	Bournemouth
		Regional Event – Marsham Court Hotel	20.09.05	Bournemouth