

# IBP BULLETIN

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## FIRST EVENT OF 1988

Michael Cassidy, Chairman of the City of London's Planning Committee, is to speak to a joint meeting of IBP and the Institute of Marketing Construction Group (IMCIG) on Monday, January 18, at the Building Centre, Store Street.

The meeting starts at 5.30 pm sharp, because Cassidy has to leave by 6.30 for a long-standing dinner engagement. He will speak, on the record, for 15 to 20 minutes and then take questions. He has promised that he will make an entirely 'new' speech, and whether he and his committee are regarded as destroyers or protectors of our heritage and the beliefs of the Prince of Wales, the occasion is bound to be interesting and worth attending.

After the meeting there will be a light buffet and wine, with the evening ending at about 7.30. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of food and drink, and IBP members will be able to participate in the normal IMCIG raffle for a bottle of whisky. Please let Rosey Harding know if you plan to be there, so that adequate refreshments, of both kinds, are ensured.

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Rosey Harding is at 39 Leconfield Road, London N5 2RZ  
Membership Secretary is at 35 Chipstead Lane, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.

## RECRUITMENT DRIVE

In a wildly extravagant gesture in order to get hold of hundreds of new members, the Executive Committee has announced a never-to-be-repeated recruitment drive. A bottle of champagne will be awarded to an existing member for every five new members recruited. The closing date is 30 June 1988. An application form is included below which can be photocopied five, 10, 20 or, for a case, 60 times. Forms to be returned to Rosey Harding.

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## IBP AWARDS

The 1987 International Building Press Journalism Awards were presented at the Institution of Civil Engineers on Thursday, 19 November by David Trippier MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Inner Cities, Construction and Regional Affairs at the Department of the Environment.

150 entries - a record number - were received for the 1987 competition which was judged in ten separate categories. A new category for provincial journalists was introduced this year sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Building.

The winner of each category went forward for the overall IBP Journalist of the Year Award. This year the supreme title, together with a silver galleried tray with crystal decanter and glasses, was won by Russ Swan for three articles published in Contract Journal: 'A novel approach to basements', CJ 20.11.86, which looked at the vast basement of the British Library where Laing is running a management contract and constructing the upper floor slab first and excavating below it; 'Stemming the flow', CJ 22.1.87, which saw Swann up to his armpits in mud talking about sump pumping; and 'Site Freelancing', CJ 23.7.87, when Swann returned to his previous incarnation as a site engineer. Checking levels in the pouring rain in a skeletal office block on a high-tech business park in Wokingham at an hourly rate of £6.50, convinced Swann that he had made the right decision to leave that profession for a more dishonourable one to become an award-winning journalist. Swann is seen above clutching his trophies with, on the left, Paul Finch, and on the right, David Trippier.

Janet Abrams, last year's overall winner, won the Architectural Journalist of the Year Award for the second time for three

articles in Blueprint including 'Now we are 80', an interview with Philip Johnson, March 1987 and 'Urbs in burbs', a critical assessment of Edward Jones' Mississauga Civic Centre which was opened by the Duke and Duchess of York on their visit to Canada.

The Provincial Journalist of the Year Award went to Malcolm Reid of the Glasgow Evening Times for three articles on the changing face of 'booming' Glasgow.

IEP would like to thank the sponsors: RIBA, CIOB, Costain, Willett, Permoglaze Paints, Redland, British Gas, Glasurit Beck, Higgs & Hill, and Kodak.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

New members elected at the last Executive Committee meeting:  
 Louise Ellingham of Constellation  
 David Skey of Constellation  
 Adrian Creeman of New Civil Engineer  
 Josephine Crane of CPR Ltd



#### COMING SOON

Make a note in your diary of 18 February when Stephen Trombley's accountant will be talking on the subject of accountancy. Further details to follow.

### INTERNATIONAL BUILDING PRESS JOURNALISM AWARDS 1987

#### WINNERS

CATEGORY:	SPONSOR:	WINNER:	MAGAZINE:
ARCHITECTURAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS	JANET ABRAMS	BLUEPRINT
BUILDING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	TILBURY CONSTRUCTION	PETER BILL	BUILDING
CIVIL ENGINEERING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	OVE ARUP & PARTNERS	RUSS SWANN	FREELANCE
NEWS REPORTER OF THE YEAR	WILLET LIMITED	NICK RUFFORD	NEW CIVIL ENGINEER
REHAB/ENVIRONMENT WRITER OF THE YEAR	PROTIM SERVICES LTD	MARTIN SPRING	BUILDING
BUSINESS/FINANCIAL WRITER OF THE YEAR	REDLAND PLC	JERRY GOSNEY	CONTRACT JOURNAL
TECHNOLOGY WRITER OF THE YEAR	BASF COATINGS + INKS	NICK RUFFORD	NEW CIVIL ENGINEER
PROPERTY WRITER OF THE YEAR	HIGGS AND HILL PROPERTIES	ERIK BROWN	ESTATES TIMES
PROVINCIAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BUILDING	MALCOLM REID	EVENING TIMES GLASGOW
PHOTO-JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	KODAK LIMITED	ANTHONY WELLER	BUILDING
IBP JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	INTERNATIONAL BUILDING PRESS	RUSS SWANN	FREELANCE