



# CONSTRUCTIONARIUM®

TURNING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

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## Newsletter – 2015

As always a huge thank you all parties involved in Constructionarium, for making it successful during 2015 and an exciting prospect for 2016.

During the last year, Constructionarium received capital expenditure funding from CITB to invest in developing our site at Bircham Newton. This development is progressing although, there have been some procurement delays. When we open again in March 2016 our site will include a road which will divide the site into four quads with a central hub. In time, each quad will be able to provide projects with local hard standing preparation areas, power and welfare facilities. We will be able to host more than one organisation on site at any one time, as the site has doubled up on some of the projects on offer.



I am delighted to report that yet again we have held our student fees and have encouraged the National Construction College to do the same for their accommodation charges. Accommodation charges will continue to be paid directly to the National Construction College. However, academic institutes will need to ensure that they raise two purchase orders going forward, one for us and one for NCC. This is something that we need to insist on as we have sadly experienced severe delays to payments this year, which has not been helpful for a not-for-profit organisation. As a reminder to you, our payment terms are 30 days from the invoice date. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 any outstanding payments exceeding 60 days will attract interest at the bank rate plus 2½%.

Constructionarium focuses on partnerships between academia and industry. The majority of attending institutes have established links with Industry through their academic boards, local connections, alumni, current and proposed building work on campus etc. However sometimes a Contractor may not be available to support and on these occasions Constructionarium has in the past provided, at cost, a dedicated team and ordered the necessary materials to ensure that the event can still be held. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, in the unlikely event that you need us to act as the Industry Partner (providing materials and resources), we will need a minimum of six-weeks notice to arrange and you will be charged at total cost plus 10% admin fee to cover our time in sourcing your requirements.

For 2016, I am pleased to report that we have a near full diary, with Universities and Colleges returning and look forward to welcoming University of Brighton for the first time, along with Universities from America, Reading UTC and London Underground who are using Constructionarium as a summer school.

Brookfield Multiplex attended a few weeks ago and used Constructionarium as part of their Graduate Induction Programme for 30 new employees.

Our railway project, Build Camp, will be making a return to Constructionarium during 2016 with students from UTC's working together as a team to plan, build and operate a section of railway line across a specially created landscape using real construction materials, processes giving them a real snap-shot of the world of civil engineering.



Did you know...

- the top three projects for 2015 were Ravenspurn Oil Platform, The Gherkin and Brewery Wharf
- the Duke of York visited in June
- we celebrated National Women In Engineering Day with Birmingham University, Interserve and Morgan Sindall
- we have a new website – [www.constructionarium.co.uk](http://www.constructionarium.co.uk).



We look forward to working with you during 2016 and if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, please join our Constructionarium group on LinkedIn and follow us on Twitter (#constructionarium) – we'd love to hear your comments.

Until next time,

Robin Holdsworth, Scheme Director