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Presidents Introduction

I am pleased to report that your Federation is stronger and more effective than it was a year ago. While we still face many challenges and ever increasing commercial and legislative pressures the sector remains one of the fastest growing.

Our drive to raise standards continued with the introduction of stricter membership criteria for Federation members and the launch of the country's first drylining course designed for new entrants to achieve NVO level 2. Skill shortages continue to be a concern throughout the whole sector but our commitment to bring new blood into the industry is as strong as ever.

Safety has once again been a top priority. Not only do we advocate a safer working environment but during the year our involvement with the Health and Safety Executive and the Major Contractors Group, raised our concerns about the manual handling of increasingly heavier plasterboard. New legislation places new responsibilities for training and supervising.

We have been ever watchful of changes in standards and with the introduction of Part E, the issue of Robust Details from a specialist contractor's viewpoint was debated at length during the one-day seminar arranged by the Federation. Changes to building regulations create more opportunity for our members but increase responsibility with its consequential risks.

Environmental issues were ever present during the year and reclassification of gypsum as hazardous waste in July put further emphasis on the need for good waste management and the need for more efficient design. Time will tell how much of an impact the new legislation for safe disposal of gypsum will have on the industry.

During my term as President it has been a privilege to represent our honourable trade. My thanks go to the volunteers who give up valuable time and also to our officers who support our members with dedication and real enthusiasm. I wish everyone continued success for the future.

Brian Woolnough

President of FPDC

Honorary Treasurer Financial Report

The FPDC audited accounts for 2004, by Baker Tilly, incorporated the accounts of the three subsidiary National Independent Training Groups. The consolidated accounts resulted in a surplus of £50,090.

The FPDC accounts for 2004 resulted in a surplus of £33,710. Increasing the Federation's reserves to £172,352, taking us closer to reaching the agreed reserve target of £220,000.

Draft accounts for 2005 will be made available at the Annual General Meeting on the 7th February 2006. Council has approved a 2006 budget which should result in the addition of a further 5% of current operating surplus being achieved.

Core Advisory Services

Technical Advisory Service

The most significant achievement this year has been the publication of both the new "British and European Standard for the Design, Preparation and Application of External Rendering" (BS EN 13914-1:2005) and that of the "Design considerations and Essential Principles for Internal Plastering" (BS EN 13914-2:2005).

Mr. Klapwyk was the Convenor of the European drafting committee and Mr. Cole was the Lead UK Expert. Both these standards are published without their National Forewords and Annexes, but these are currently being drafted at BSI for later incorporation into the standards.

Work is also underway at BSI to produce a new BS to cover the particular details of the "Design, preparation and application of internal plastering systems using gypsum, cement and lime plasters". The latter has been necessary in order to retain information omitted from the full BS EN standard by others in the European Drafting Committee.

Work on the drafts of both the "European Standard for the Design and Installation of Fibrous Gypsum Works" and the ten part draft "European Standard for the Design and Application of Plasterboard Systems on Frames" are both continuing.

A number of European standards have been published during the year on products and test methods. Many of these relate to products incorporating gypsum plasters. Drafting work continues in European Technical Committees on the European product and test standards for various ancillary products.

A significant number of Workmanship Site Visits were conducted, assisting members where possible with disputes over standard of workmanship, in addition to the technical support provided to members on request.

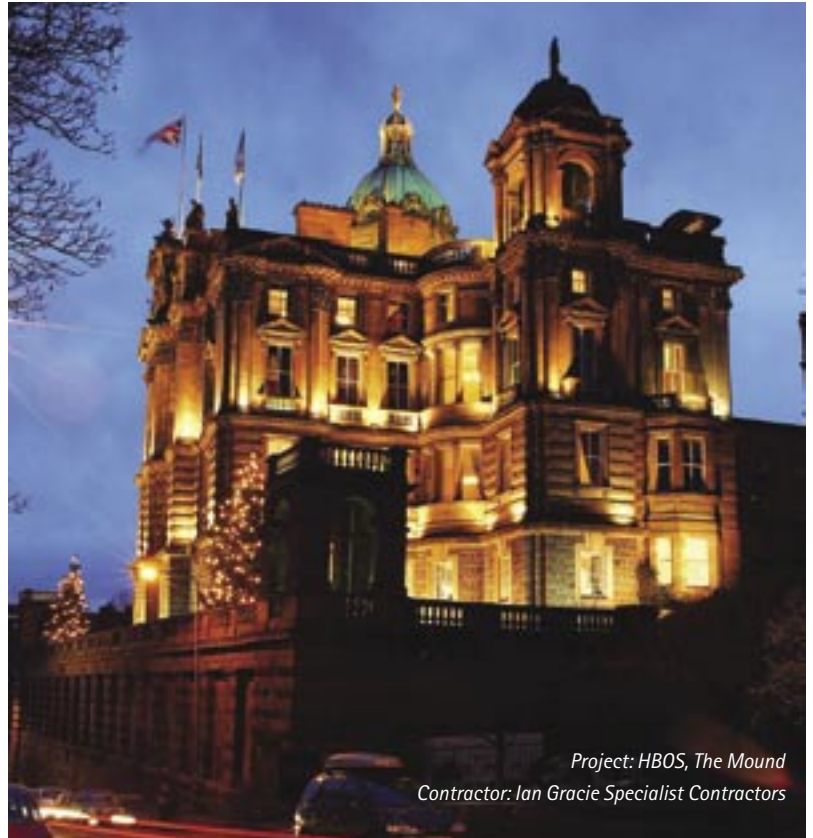
Health and Safety

Despite strong opposition from main contractors, the specialist section successfully lobbied for a set of new Work at Height regulations, which were introduced, by the HSE, in April this year.

This summer the Federation got behind a major new health awareness initiative regarding work-related back conditions and assisted the MCG with a review it conducted on its Occupational Health Strategy.

The results of which revealed that, although mechanical manoeuvring devices may be a help in the future, current aids have limited value. There are a range of possibilities that could lead to a reduction in injuries including greater consideration at the design stage of the requirement to safely move board on site or even a change in board dimensions and weight specified.

In July the FPDC teamed up with Claim Control™ and introduced an on-line service whereby members can submit their accident statistics via the internet. The new web-based system has been designed to facilitate the process for both the FPDC and its members.



*Project: HBOS, The Mound
Contractor: Ian Gracie Specialist Contractors*



*Project: Sydmon Court
Contractor: G Cook & Sons*

Legal

A new legislation for the safe disposal of gypsum waste was imposed on the waste disposal industry in July with a resulting impact on the construction industry. It is envisaged that the reality of reclassification will see the cost of waste disposal increase to £125 per ton over the next few years.

However, this year the Federation was invited to represent the specialist contractor on a new forum created by a government-funded organisation, WRAP, to look at ways of reducing the volume of waste and maximise the use of recyclable material.

The DTI began a short consultation in June, looking at proposals for amendments of the payment of adjudication provisions following a review of the Construction Act in 2004. The Federation got in touch with members asking them to assist in the campaign if they felt unhappy with the way they got paid.

Taxation

News of the delay of the new CIS Scheme was welcomed by the FPDC in October. However, the hold-up could still mean the sector faces a cost increase of £120million.

The Federation's umbrella body, NSCC, will now work closely with the HMRC to achieve a successful transition to the new CIS scheme in April 2007.



*Project: Lister Mills
Contractor: Ceilings & Partitions Systems*



Industrial Relations

In December changes to the disability discrimination legislation took place. The main issues included the extensions of the definition of disability and the removal of the requirement for a mental illness to be clinically recognised.

The implications of the DTI new draft TUPE regulations, originally expected to come into force in October, will not take place in April 2006. The most likely significant change for Federation members will be the requirement for the notification of employee liability information by employers.

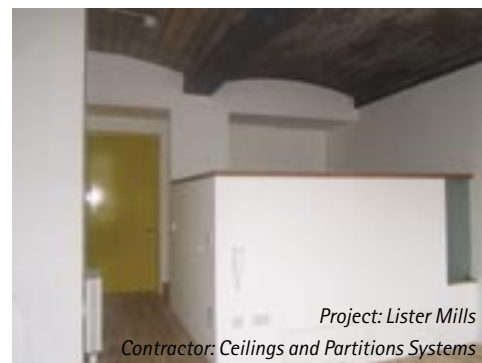
Other major changes that took place over the year include the new definition of indirect discrimination and sexual harassment into the Sex Discrimination Act to bring it inline with the Equal Treatment Directive, and the Civil partnership Act 2004 update, which brought the rights of civil partnerships inline with protection currently afforded to married couple.

Marketing

Communication remained high on the Federation's agenda this year launching a new website in January 2005 and a new look magazine in June 2005.

The website includes a member's only area which has an extensive archive of guidance notes as well as a notice board allowing members to post issues of concern and interest. As a result of the market research undertaken last year, the website is going to be further developed during 2006 and Members will also be able to opt to receive regular email bulletins.

New publishers were appointed to the Federation magazine and was re-launched under the original name Specialist Building Finishes. The revamped editorial team is committed to promoting success and achievement and making our members views known to a wider audience. This is helped by the quarterly members' survey with its results being published in the magazine.



National and Regional Events

Plasterers Trophy 2004

David Andrews Construction of Islington, London, scooped the coveted Plasterers Trophy award for its work in transforming the 21st Wandsworth Southside Shopping Centre, south London, from a drab 1960s building into a dynamic modern century retail centre.

Other category winners' work involved the plastering of the Tennant Room at the Royal Academy of Art, London, restoration of the Robert Adam designed 15-16 Charlotte Square in Edinburgh, plastering of BBC Mailbox in Birmingham - the new home of BBC Birmingham, as well as fibrous plastering work at Tyringham House, Buckinghamshire and Tusmore House, Oxfordshire.

Golf day and Sportsmen's Dinner

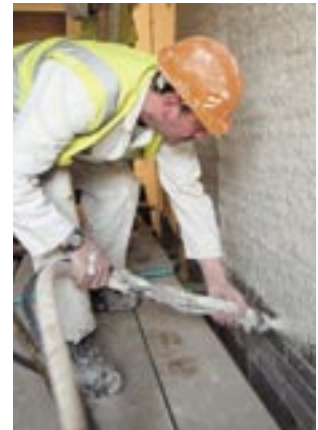
The year saw the first ever southern golf day held at Hanbury Manor Golf & Country club in Hertfordshire. The event was sponsored by associate members Minster Insulation and Dry Lining, CCF and Encon Insulations. Jason Kirby, from David Andrews Construction Ltd, was awarded the Overall Contractors prize.

The De Vere Slaley Hall Hotel in Northumberland, was the venue for the northern golf day, sponsored by CCF, Lafarge Gyvlon and SLBM. Nick Jones, of Plasterplus, received the Contractors Overall Winners prize.

Conference

The FPDC annual conference was held in Prague this year at the InterContinental Hotel. Andrew Lothian, Reinsurance Broker from Benfield Group and Mario Cientianni, partner with Barnes Roffe LLP headed the presentations during the business session, which was sponsored by Encon, discussing both an insurance scheme being developed and made available to FPDC members and successful exit strategies respectively.

Although the event provided a networking opportunity for competitors, manufacturers and suppliers, their partners and children were able to attend the weekend and enjoy the additional activities FPDC laid on.



*Project: Welsh National Assembly Offices
Contractor: M Saxton Plastering*

Regional Events

This year, three new regional chairmen were appointed to oversee activities in the South West, North West and Yorkshire and North East regions. We intend to hold more events during the coming year.

*Project: The Sage
Contractor: S Hickey Plastering and Drylining Contractors*



Membership criteria and Raising the Federation Profile

The council intends to gradually raise membership requirements to support the aspiration of having meaningful membership criteria in place.

The Federation will then be better placed to publicly state what can be expected from an FPDC contractor member and work with organisations such as the Major Contractors Group, National Contractors Federation and House Builders Federation with the aim of getting members on tender lists.

2005 saw the requirement to annually submit details of insurance carried and copies of the company's health and safety policy and confirmation of a CITB registration number.



*Project: Wales Millenium Centre
Contractor: GHT Plastering Services*



FPDC Staff

Emma Tomlin	Director
Donna Rickby	Executive Administrator
Ann Ryce	Group Training Officer
Jayne Norris	Training Administrator
Semiha Alma	Accounts Administrator
David Cole	Technical Consultant
Mike Pritchard	Technical Consultant
John McKinney	Scottish Administrator

FPDC Officers and Chairmen

as of 31st December 2005

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Mat McAdams, W A Browne (BS) Ltd

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Damian James, Ceilings and Partitions Ltd

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Michael Gavin, MPG Contracts Ltd

London & South East Regional Chair

Mark Grocock

Drylining and Suspended Ceiling NITG Chair

Adrian Jamieson, Jamieson (Plasterers) Ltd

President FPDC Scotland

Alan Keating

Solid Plastering and Screeding NITG Chair

Angela Mansell, Mansell Finishes Ltd

Marketing Task Group Chair

Chris Morton, Manorcraft Ltd

South West & South Wales Regional Chair

Maurice Rugg, Clark and Fenn Skanska Ltd

Trophy Organising Committee Chair

Tony Thorne, BDL plc

Health and Safety Committee Chair

Ian Whitt, Whitt Brothers Ltd

Contracts and Employment NSCC Committee Representative

Terry Wright, Troika Contracting Ltd

Fibrous Plastering NITG Chair & Yorkshire Regional Chair





Project: National Trust Headquarters, Swindon Contractor: Aztec Solutions



Project: Lift Everton Health Centre
Contractor: E W Cull



Project: Sydmonton Court
Contractor: G Cook & Sons



Project: Bexley School
Contractor: James & Son Ltd



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