

13,000 members milestone reached

CIHT elected its 13,000th member in late October, marking a significant milestone for the Institution and its current recruitment drive.

Dr Antoneta Horbury, Transport Policy Manager for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, has been officially welcomed as member number 13,000. She was referred to CIHT by one of her colleagues, Mahmood Siddiqi through the #journeys campaign.

Antoneta said she decided to join the Institution mainly because she has attended and enjoyed various events put on by CIHT and the Greater London Branch, and also due to the importance of being part of a professional network.

"I have been along to meetings and seminars and found them really

interesting, so I decided it was about time I joined," she said.

"I also like the idea of being part of a professional community, as well as the recognition that membership of a well established Institution like CIHT can bring."

Antoneta added that being a member will give her an opportunity to network with different people in the transportation sector and to access training courses and other professional development.

To celebrate reaching the 13,000 members mark, Antoneta has been invited to this year's Annual Luncheon as a guest of the Institution. It was just four years ago that CIHT elected its 12,000th member, demonstrating an impressive rate of membership growth.

CIHT Director of Education & Membership Sue Stevens said: "We are delighted to welcome Antoneta as our 13,000th member. Growing our membership is important because it gives CIHT a stronger collective voice and ensures that our members' opinions are heard."

Antoneta's job with Kensington and Chelsea sees her work mainly on parking policy and public transport. She responds to Transport for London and Government consultations on public transport on behalf of the borough and is currently involved in plans to introduce a pay by phone service for parking.

For more information about membership, the #journeys and Member get Member campaigns, visit www.ciht.org.uk/en/membership/index.cfm



CIHT's 13,000th member Antoneta Horbury joined the Institution through the #journeys campaign

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Study hard and remember to network says new CIHT Fellow

High flying transportation specialist Andy McLoughlin's decision to gain further qualifications and widen his professional horizons have led to a complete turnaround in his career.

The 34 year old senior consultant studied geology at Manchester University, started out working for a motoring organisation and later joined a firm designing road safety improvements and traffic engineering schemes.

He has also worked as a volunteer with charity Engineers Without Borders UK to develop an outreach programme – encouraging young people to consider a career in

transportation – and helped write a guidebook for engineers overseas.

Three years ago he took 12 months out to study towards a Masters in road management and engineering with the University of Birmingham to further his knowledge, and has since gone on to work for Atkins managing highway assets.

This autumn Andy joined the consultant Cardno IT Transport where he works on poverty alleviation and international development schemes in middle and low income countries.

Andy has also recently become a Chartered Engineer through CIHT and is now a Fellow of the Institution. All things considered he is a good example of what can be achieved by aiming high.

"The fact that I don't have a civil engineering degree has not held me back in achieving what I have done so far in my career," he says. "As long as you work hard and make lots of connections with other people you have a chance of doing well."

During his year with the University of Birmingham Andy studied highway design, road safety, rural road development, asset management, construction management, road



Roughness is measured on the university road network using TRL's MERLIN tool

economics and financing and pavement engineering.

One piece of coursework involved the assessment of surface condition and roughness of the university campus road and devising maintenance plans; looking at which highway treatments should be applied where and when.

Birmingham awarded Andy its Jacob Kolbuszewski Prize for making an outstanding contribution to highway studies and this year he received recognition from the CIHT West Midlands branch which named him Young Professional of the Year.

Convenor of the University of Birmingham's road management and engineering MSc is Dr Michael Burrow, a senior lecturer in the school of civil engineering. He said: "Andy was an exceptional student, achieving one of the highest overall average marks since the programme's inception 50 years ago.

"Many of the 1000 or more students who have graduated from our road management and engineering programme go on to great things and some road authorities around the world are now headed by our former graduates."



Andy McLoughlin (left) receives his young professional certificate from Paul Unwin, West Midlands Branch