



## **BIAC AGM 2020**

### **Chief Executives Report**

Yet again I am pleased to report that through the hard work and efforts of everyone BIAC is continuing to grow BIAC and expand the services supplied to members. Like every member organisation there are challenges but we have an active Executive which is able to put in to harness the energy and enthusiasm that is generated by Council.

Immediately following the AGM is the Business Management Conference which we hope will build on the 2019 conference and be the best yet. The return of a formal dinner on the night preceding the conference was a success for the 2019 Spring Conference and was adopted as a trial for the Autumn Planning conference held at the Madejski Stadium, Reading. Pre conference dinners are included in both the Spring and Autumn 2020 conferences. New to 2019 was the trip to Ireland which was a great success and as I write this report there are plans for a trip to Europe later in 2020 and tentative plans for a trip to Scandinavia for 2021.

The now well-established Foundation Courses continue to provide a valuable training opportunity for consultants, young and old and continue to demonstrate their success with receive feedback scores in excess of 85%. I remain grateful to the team of excellent presenters who ensure that we can continue to deliver these courses. There will be two Foundation I courses this year and one Foundation II course. The long-term objective remains to introduce a Foundation III course and incorporate that in to membership and accreditation in some way.

Members are encouraged to comment on the bi-monthly member update introduced to provide a regular communication to members and includes third party content from contributors inside and outside of BIAC. Council has suggested the inclusion off links to topics and information and I remain keen for members to identify those links which they will find helpful to their practice. Similarly, it is a useful forum whereby individual members may

As a network of consultants BIAC encourages members to share work and/or experiences to mutual advantage. Work opportunities are posted as updates. BIAC is a broad church within which there is a wide range of skills and opportunities for members to share these.

I remain committed to taking the Institute forward in a dynamic and an innovative way and remain open to new ideas. Members should continue to feel free to forward suggestions for the consideration of Council.

We are very grateful for the contribution to BIAC made by David Leaver as President. In his early years with us David assisted in the restructure of BIAC and helped us to analyse and act on the recommendations of the Focus Group which, in turn lead to a slimmed down Council meeting twice as often. This has led to a crisper and more proactive decision making process. Council feels that David has made an outstanding contribution and a motion is being put to this year's AGM to change the role of President to that of Patron and I am pleased to report that David Leaver has agreed to take on this role. This allows the Institute to keep in contact with David whilst relieving him of the onerous obligation of attending AGM's and Council.

As ever I am indebted to Victoria, Richard and Alex for their assistance together with David Meredith as Chairman. I would also like to welcome Tony Kernon as Vice Chair and as Chairman elect. Finally I would like to thank all of Council for their valued support as we look forward to another successful year.

**Mike Greetham**