

Newsletter – May/June 2025

Colleagues

1. Report on Meeting at Buxton May 15th.

The Section was hosted by HSE Laboratories Buxton on the 15th May. There were 27 attendees. Unfortunately our host, Nick Baxter could not attend for personal reasons and Dr Ruby Persaud, also of HSE Buxton, was ill. Helen Beattie, from the Hemel Hemstead branch of HSE acted as host. We were greeted by the Deputy Director Sandra Gadd, the Deputy Director for Delivery.

Helen gave the presentation on ear loops that Nick would have done. Helen had been part of the team that conducted the work. Deborah Edmonds from Network Rail told us of the many respiratory hazards that track workers face, stone dust, welding fumes etc. As if these were not hard enough to deal with the work is generally carried out at night with limited time on site and the additional problem that winds over 5 m/sec are not unusual and that there are particular problems in tunnels.

Inspector Scott Howard and Sgt Paul Johnson talked of their approach to respiratory protection at the NPIA at Ryton then Michael Fink outlined work by his company (Mask Logic) where they were looking to 3D print close fitting nose seals, using face scanning techniques, which could then be integrated with less customised face sealing respirators.

After lunch from the excellent canteen at Buxton we had a tour of the labs. My favourite part was the anechoic chamber.

2. Meetings – BOOK NOW.

ISRP Fit Testing Workshop, Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione Offices, Milan Italy, Wednesday 8th October 2025.

The European Section of the International Society for Respiratory Protection (ISRP) are organising a Fit Testing Workshop in Milan, Italy, on 8th October 2025. Presentations are planned from the Italian Ministry of Health, HSE Buxton and BSIF.

I attach a flyer for the meeting. The booking site on [isrp.com](https://www.isrp.com) is open at:-

<https://www.isrp.com/european/events/isrp-europe-milan-meeting>

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IGNORE THE 60 EURO OPTION.

Scroll down to the Registration Section and sign in where it asks “Do you already have an account with us?” Here you will find member tickets at 45 Euro.

There is also going to be an ISRP presence in **Poznań, Poland**, as part of the CBRNE Convergence Europe 2025 High-Intensity CBRN Conference, being held between the **24th and 26th June**. ISRP European Section and Falcon Communications are hosting a dedicated Joint Respiratory Protection Workshop as part of the conference. This is a chance to showcase our work to a wider audience. It was not possible to make this a stand-alone ISRP event but **there is a 30% reduction to the whole conference for ISRP members in good standing**. Details can be found at <https://www.eventora.com/en/Events/cbrne-poland25>

There is a code that can be used to get the 30% discount. The Secretary will, on request, send this code to Members in good standing for 2025 (including corporate members). Further information about the ticket types can be found on the booking form

If any of the delegates would also like to attend the workshop, please expand the PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP option and select the number of tickets required to accompany the main Conference booking – these places are not free of charge and will be charged at the standard rate.

3. Call for New Chair of Section.

We announced David’s intention of stepping down as our Chair in the autumn. **We need a volunteer to step into the role of Chair**. If you feel that you can take this role then contact the Secretary. The Vice-Chair post is vacant too, but we must first appoint a Chair. If there are more than one applicant the Secretary will organise an election.

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