



AUGluk CAD Managers Community (CMC) Workshop

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Originally from a civil/structural engineering background, Shaun has more than 20 years of hands-on experience with AutoCAD as a user and a CAD manager and has worked in the Autodesk channel in sales, support and training. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Autodesk Authorised Training Centre Advisory Board (ATCAB) for the United Kingdom and Ireland and is also an Autodesk® Approved Instructor (AAI) and occasional AUGIworld columnist. He is also Country Coordinator for the Autodesk User Group International (AUGI) UK Chapter and currently provides training and consultancy to the Facilities Management (FM) industry through his own consultancy business, CADFMconsultants.

This was the first event of its kind held by AUGluk. Kindly sponsored by Cadpoint Ltd (www.cadpoint.co.uk), the event was held at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in London. The idea of the event was to bring UK CAD management together in the one place to discuss issues that specifically affect them and how they work within their individual organisations.

The event speakers kindly gave up their time for nothing and the whole event was informative and provided a high level of objective discussion!

Introducing the event was fun and it was great to see a number of familiar faces as well as many new ones!

The speakers were as follows: -

- Mervyn Richards – MR1 Consulting
- Simon Jones & Jack Strongitharm - Autodesk
- David Kerr – Taylor Woodrow
- Graham Thom – Computer Aid International
- Paul Oakley – AUGluk
- Sarah Delany – CPIC
- Norman Buckberry – Autodesk

Mervyn Richards talked about the integration of the new British Standard BS1192 (2007) in to Building Information Modelling (BIM) and provided valuable insight in to how UK plc are moving forward. Interesting to know that the UK has been using 3D CAD for over 20 years now! Mervyn, the time given to AUGIuk was invaluable. Thank you!



Simon Jones and Jack Strongitharm provided us with an overview of how the new Autodesk products will give us a new level of integration between industry-focused products, allowing for standardisation and project integration. Thanks, guys!



David Kerr from Taylor Woodrow provided us with a presentation on how Taylor Woodrow were able to save money and increase product margins on construction projects by implementing the Avanti method of working. This method applied certain standards to each project, thus ensuring consistency and standards. Thank you, David!



We also had a new type of speaker at an AUGIuk event. Graham Thom is Director of Fundraising for Computer Aid International (www.computeraid.org). AUGIuk have many contacts and members who have older PCs to dispose of. Computer Aid International can help them with this and, in turn, can help developing countries, such as Africa, by providing them with those PCs.



It was Paul Oakley's turn to speak next. Paul worked tirelessly to get this event off the ground and secured sponsorship from Cadpoint as well as getting all the speakers together in the same place at the same time! Well done!



Paul provided us with a humorous and entertaining look in to how every company is different with differing standards. The toothbrush analogy was excellent. How each company wants to use their own standards, bit like everyone wanting to use their own toothbrush, right? He was also an excellent doorman/bellboy checking in everyone's coats and jackets! Thanks, Paul (LOL!).





Next to speak was Sarah Delany, secretary from CPIC, who talked about the Uniclass method of working. This provided a very objective discussion about how companies move from the standard they have adopted, such as CisFB, to the new Uniclass standard. Sarah, your non-technical stance on this was refreshing! Thank you!



Our last speaker of the day was Norman Buckberry from Autodesk. He introduced the new Certification scheme that Autodesk are developing. This will allow Autodesk users to obtain officially recognised Autodesk qualifications in the same way as Microsoft provide accreditation. There will be Certified User and Certified Expert levels of user, amongst others. This was gratefully received. Thanks, Norman!





Overall, the event was a huge success for us with only one “no-show” and based on feedback, the attendees are looking forward to another event soon. I am sure that if we incorporate another Autodesk Pub Quiz as well it will be great fun!

AUGIuk would like to thank all who attended for giving up their day, thank all of the speakers who gave their time for nothing and our event sponsor, Cadpoint Ltd., who also provided the prize draw prize of a 3D Spacewheel which was won by Rahul Shah from MAAP Architects.

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