Dear Members,

We have made some improvements since the start of the 2013-2014 program year. The first change is the Near You website for the CCB. It is up and running. The second major change is the cooperation with other institutions when running the monthly events. After meeting with several other institutions at our annual planning meeting in June 2013 the strategy was to combine forces. One of the drivers behind this was to reduce effort on volunteers when organizing events for their respective branches.

All institutions discussed share the same problems that I am sure you are already aware of. Lack of interest from the membership at large in volunteering their time, helping out in any way they can, and ensuring a healthy program of events throughout the year. Without the effort from volunteers there would be no program of events for you to enjoy.

The last few months have seen some changes with some members of the committee whereby the possibility of them having to leave to pursue work opportunities abroad is becoming a reality.

So this edition of Counter Torque calls out to the CCB members to get involved. The Near You website currently has postings for several roles on the committee which need to be filled. There will also be an email blast to all the CCB members asking for help.

Events since last edition of Counter Torque

August 10, 2013, Kim Allen, Hearn Lecture, Hosted by IET

October 24, 2013, Turner & Townsend, “Cost consulting vs. quantity surveying for a Transatlantic Perspective”, Hosted by CIBSE

November 29, 2013, Dr. Harry Ruda, “Nanotechnology: The Next Biggest Thing Is Really Small”

December 12, 2013, Networking Meeting, Hosted by CIBSE

January 21, 2014, Soft Skill Seminar, Hosted by IET

February 11, 2013, Chinese New Year, Hosted by BCS

Events for April, May & June 2014

The IMechE CCB Annual Meeting will be held April 11, 2014 at the North York Novotel hotel. We have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Geoff Fernie present again for the members. The flyer for this event is enclosed and is also on the Near You CCB website.
The **Formula North Engineering Design Competition** will be held May 22-25, 2014 in Barrie. This is a get involved event and is based on the Formula SAE competitions held elsewhere around the world. A flyer is currently posted on the Near You CCB website. There are many opportunities to get involved, such as Career Fair Day May 22 with the IMechE booth, and as an event judge May 23/24. If anyone is interested in helping with the booth on May 22, then please let the CCB committee know.

![Formula North Engineering Design Competition](image)

The **IMechE CCB Committee Planning Meeting** will be scheduled in June, 2014. This will give the CCB committee a chance to plan events with other institutions (BCS, ICE, SAE, IET & CIBSE) and hopefully share the load with hosting events with a common interest.

I would like to thank all of our committee members for their contribution as volunteers, for their time and commitment to our success. It is always a challenge to have people volunteer their personal time so thank you for that. I look forward to your support in getting actively involved with the committee this year so please take the time to review our request for help in sustaining a successful committee.

See you all April 11 at the AGM.

Anthony M. Hamilton, Chair CCB