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Under 26 Chapter - Members More Awards – AOC Elections

New UK Chapter Members I was pleasantly surprised to learn that we currently have 46 under 26 members and am immensely grateful to all of you who recruited them. If you are a new young member, we want to hear from you – don't be shy as the future of the Chapter, the AOC and EW depends on you. Our newsletter includes articles and items from all UK Chapter members and we are happy to hear from you. If you have any issues with your AOC membership, we are your first port of call. Later in this newsletter, I touch on the next round of elections; you are full AOC members and have a vote, so please use it. OK it isn't about Brexit or who the US President should be, but wise decisions will help the AOC, EW and shape our future 😊

Awards - 2018 As noted last month, the UK Chapter has submitted 3 award nominations to AOC HQ. The BOD is pleased to announce that 2 of these have already been successful. The 3rd has just been announced by the AOC, please see the next item for more information. The two UK Chapter award winners, agreed by the US Awards Committee are:

- John "Jacey" Wise MBE - AOC Distinguished Service Award, for outstanding support to the UK Chapter and wider AOC community during a career spent at the cutting edge of EW.
- Paul Bradbeer – AOC Outstanding Achievement Award, for outstanding services to operational services and innovative ways of managing and utilizing EW Data, enabling operational efficiencies and enhancing intelligence analysis.

Many congratulations to Jacey and Paul for their lifetime dedication to EW and the AOC. Thanks to industry for Paul's nomination – let's have more in future, please. The awards will be celebrated and presented at the Annual Christmas Awards Dinner on 14 December at the RAF Club – come along and join the Chapter for a great evening.

Totally Unexpectedly Following the AOC BOD meeting in DC in June, the AOC announced that UK Chapter President John Clifford OBE, has been awarded the AOC Board of Director's Award for his untiring contribution to the aims and objectives of the AOC. In particular he was recognised for raising the visibility of EW as an important discipline and for playing a major role in shaping its future. John is renowned as being one of the leading players in raising the profile of the AOC world-wide. This award is quite rare and has not been bestowed for the last 7 years. John said, "*I am very proud to receive the award and I am grateful to the many folks in EW in the UK and globally who have contributed to my work in EW over many years and made this unexpected award possible*".



Final UK Chapter AOC Award for 2018 AOC HQ just announced that Ian Fish, our talented and extremely hard-working membership director, has been awarded the COL Anton D. Brees Lifetime Service Award.

The Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award (LSA) recognizes AOC members who have rendered exemplary sustained service to the AOC on a national or local level.

Ian will receive his award at the formal dinner during the 55th AOC Annual International Symposium late in November this year.

AOC Elections It is almost time for the next round of AOC BOD elections, with the elections running from 1-30 Sept. Although there are several US only slots available which UK members quite rightly cannot vote on, there are 2 At-large directorships where we have a vote with 10 candidates, 2 of whom are from outside the US. The AOC has around 13,000 members with 20% coming from outside the US and this is really the only truly growing sector. Professor David Stupples became an At-Large AOC director last year and is already making a great contribution in several areas, bringing the total number of non-US directors to 3 including our outstanding International Region 1 Director Dr Sue Robertson and Australian Jeff Walsh who represents Region 2. Of the 10 candidates, the 2 from outside the US are our very own (former UK Chapter President and previous Region 1 Director), Dr Bob Andrews MBE and a lady from Japan. You can see the full election detail here: <https://www.crows.org/page/elections>

AOC EW Lausanne 2018 was a remarkable success as noted last month. The next 2 major Global events are in Singapore at the end of January 2019 and AOC EW Europe 2019 in Stockholm. I've added the dates to the list of future events.

Three Year Young Adult Complimentary Membership Scheme is a great initiative and one the UK Chapter has worked towards for many years – please think about it and use it wisely, for example let your HR, apprentice and training teams know about it. At least for the UK, the scheme appears to be working well as noted above with an **impressive 46 under-26 new members** signed up already. Well done to all concerned – keep up the good work! Please pass this information to your Human Resources folks especially if your company has a graduate entry or apprenticeship scheme. Equally universities should be a rich resource in terms of new members. For more information please contact our outstanding membership director, Ian Fish: piscene1@gmail.com or me at jonclif@aol.com

Finally That's all folks. I've listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2018. Feedback is always welcome; otherwise we operate in a vacuum. We need more diverse and young members to become actively involved in what the Chapter does – any ideas are most welcome. Please send ideas about recognising suitable individuals or organisations for AOC and/or UK Chapter awards. We are particularly keen to encourage apprentices in industry, academics and serving personnel to join the AOC as it brings many on-line benefits like webinars and courses and networking opportunities, monthly copies of JED, a reference library and more - all helpful when learning new EW or EM-related skills.



John Clifford OBE
UK Chapter President

SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2018/2019 DIARY

55th AOC Annual International Symposium Marriott Marquis DC, 27-29 November 2018

UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner – RAF Club Friday 14 December 2018

AOC EW Asia 2019 Marina Bay Sands Expo and Conference Centre **Singapore**, 29/30 January 2019

AOC EW Europe 2019 – Stockholmsmässan Exhibition and Conference Centre, **Stockholm**, Sweden, 13 – 15 May 2019; this is the 24th edition of EW Europe.

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