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Network Lunch with Ian Lucas (MP)

On the 14th of July representatives from CSSA, BCC and ICMMA met for a Network Lunch with Ian Lucas, the newly installed Minister for Business and Regulatory Reform.

The discussion covered a wide range of topics including Mr Lucas’s views on the decline of the British manufacturing industry, where he told members of his hope that Britain will rediscover its confidence in the sector: “British industry has the capability and the talent to compete with anywhere in the world,” he said, adding that we could do much more with our own ideas, creativity and resources. He assured members that promoting businesses within this sector would be a key feature of his tenure.

The Minister also offered a cautious analysis of the recession: “I have had indications that things are stabilising and while the outlook across the country is extremely mixed, we hope to see changes by the end of the year.” Members agreed to meet with the Minister again later in the year for an update on all the issues raised during this meeting.

New Addition to the BCC

Following the departure of Eibhlin O’Somachain to set up her own PR and marketing consultancy firm at the start of July, the BCC appointed Peter Carrol as her replacement.

Peter, whose background is in marketing and journalism, will be continuing Eibhlin’s work of maintaining and growing the BCC’s media profile as well as creating a comprehensive information archive for the industry.

You can still contact the British Cleaning Council on press@britishcleaningcouncil.org for any media related enquiries.

In this picture, staff at the British Cleaning Council welcome Peter Carrol as the newest member to the team.

From left: Andrew Large, Linda Casey, Martin Rogers and Peter Carrol

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The BICsc Annual Awards Dinner 24th September 2009

This year’s event will take place at the Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel & Country Club.

A seminar entitled “Why Am I Like That?” will be held in the afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, followed by a drinks reception at 6.30pm with the Awards Ceremony following shortly afterwards. This will be followed by the dinner, a speaker and a disco.

The ticket price is £60 (plus VAT). Further details can be obtained by contacting BICs offices on 01604 678710 or from their website www.bics.org.uk

CiWM’s Healthcare Waste and Infection Control Event in London on September 24th & 25th 2009

The Healthcare Waste and Resources Group, in conjunction with the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) will be hosting a Healthcare Waste and Infection Control Event on September 24 and 25, 2009 at the Royal College of Physicians.

Featuring a keynote speech from Dr Raki Zghondi of the World Health Organisation, there will be presentations from internationally renowned speakers on topics including biohazards, pharmaceutical waste, waste minimisation and finance.

For further information or to view the full programme please visit www.ciwm.co.uk/events or email carrie.hill@ciwm.co.uk

Golden Service Awards Ceremony, Friday 30 October 2009

The second phase of judging is now nearly complete as businesses were assessed on innovation, staff management, training and client relationships during June and July.

All 15 winners of the Golden Service Awards 2009 will be announced at the prestigious awards ceremony at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London on Friday 30 October 2009.

To reserve your tickets please contact the Golden Service Awards organisers by telephone on 08000 192 422 or e-mail gsa@suzannehowe.com