



Season Greetings!

The board of directors, the staff and our inspectors would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and good luck for the coming New Year.

EPACE

We would like to address the concerns of members regarding letters you may have received from EPACE. Our standing at this point in time is that EPACE is not a statutory authority and members are under no obligation to meet or correspond with EPACE or EPACE inspectors. We will keep you informed if any developments arise.



ECSSA ROAD SHOW

Our board of directors will be holding open forums around the country during 2004. We will send you notification of the venues and dates in January. Please come and let your voice be heard.

John O'Loughlin
Chairperson

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CONTRACTORS

As from January 1st next ECSSA and RECI will be under direct control of CER (Commission for Energy Regulation) and as a result all the members and staff of both organisations will be subject to technical audit of all their work. This could mean that your work could be inspected separately by a C.E.R. official at any time.

We expect that an official of C.E.R. will visit our offices at regular intervals to inspect every detail of our organisation such as:

1. Structure: day to day running etc,
2. Procedures for disciplinary action should it arise
3. Records of members attending training courses
4. Control of books of certificates
5. Control of Green copy of certificates returned from ESB
6. Detailed scrutiny of the quality as shown on these returned green copies
7. Any other investigation they may wish to do.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CONTRACTORS continued

Quality of Certificates and Test Record Sheets

This is referred to in point (6) above. However we must remind you that you have already been alerted to the very poor quality of the certs as experienced by our inspectors. (See the newsletters of March 2003 and December 2002.)

In order to protect the standing of the ECSSA within the Electrical Industry and in fairness to the many members whose Certs and Test Record sheets are excellent the Directors have confirmed the following disciplinary procedure to have effect on all Certs and Test Records issued after January 1st 2004.

Returned Certs to our office from ESB or copies of Certs seen by inspectors will be examined.

A properly completed Cert should have:

1. Clear legible writing
2. No blank spaces
3. Values for insulation resistance and resistance of protective conductors should be within the limits laid down in ETCl regulations and clearly shown in the appropriate boxes provided (genuine Measured Readings - Not Fictitious).
4. M.P.R.A. number
5. Signed by contractor at **pre-connection** test only, before being sent to ESB
6. Signed at **post connection** test when appropriate, and yellow copy given to customer.

If in any calendar month a certificate of yours is found to be unsatisfactory for any of the points mentioned above you will automatically be subject to a fine of €50, and no other services will be provided to you from our office until that fine is paid.

Note: In theory this could become €50 every month for 12 months but in practice we do not want to impose one single fine. It is completely up to you to ensure your certificates are completed correctly.

The ECSSA Board

AGM

The ECSSA Annual General Meeting was held on the 11th of October 2003 at the Scott's Garden Hotel in Killarney. John O'Loughlin chaired the meeting and presented the Directors report. Mike Marshall presented the financial report and the auditors went through the financial statement. The re-election of the current board members was adopted and the meeting was concluded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM ESB

In the near future ESB Networks will be sending important customer information leaflets via the Suppliers billing systems. The object of the exercise is to highlight areas of protection for electrical installations that are not mandatory in the current ETCl National Rules but are recognised as a risk to electrical equipment etc.

The areas concerned are protection for abnormal fluctuations in system voltage e.g. lightning and switching surge protection, under-voltage, loss of phase in a three-phase system etc...

In the leaflet we advise customers to contact an Electrical Contractor who is a member of a Regulatory body who will advise them on protection. It is important for electrical contractors to be aware of the type of equipment available to control these situations and to acquire some fundamental knowledge on the topic.

For information purposes we have included a copy of the notice that is being sent to all the customers shortly.



TRAINING COURSES

The following spaces are still available for the training course on Certification and Verification.

DATE	COUNTY	VENUE	AVAILABLE PLACES
9/1/2004	Cork	Doughcloyne Hotel, Doughcloyne, Togher, County Cork, 021 4312535	12
24/1/2004	Killarney	Gleneagle Hotel, Muckross Road, Killarney, County Kerry, 064 36000	26
6/2/2004	Limerick	Clarion Hotel, Steamboat Quay, Limerick, 061 444104	20
20/2/2004	Portlaoise	Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, County Portlaoise	26
5/3/2004	Dublin	Sheldon Hotel, Park Road, Naas, Dublin, 01 4601055	30
19/3/2004	Kildare	The Stand House, The Curragh, County Kildare, Tel: 045 436177	26
26/3/2004	Galway	The Quality Hotel, Oranmore, Galway, 091 792244	26
17/4/2004	Sligo	Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo, County Sligo, 071 60291	23

As mentioned in the previous newsletter this training is now mandatory, so do not delay, book a space now for **only €80**.

Annual Renewal of membership (fees booklet enclosed)

It is that time of the year again when we would like to remind members that their membership expires on the 31st December 2003. In order for us to make this transition as smooth as possible we have come up with some options regarding automatic renewal for the future. You will find enclosed a standing order form or a credit card payment form for members who would like to renew automatically on the 1st of January every year. Please find enclosed your annual renewal form which should be completed and returned to us with payment for 2004 membership as well as your 2003 membership card and proof of insurance. You will then be receiving your new membership card by return post in January 2004. Please contact us should you have any queries in this regard.

- Checklist
- Renewal Form - with payment
 - Return of 2003 Membership Card
 - Proof of Insurance
 - Order Form - Optional
 - 2005 Renewal Form - Optional Standing Order form or Credit Card Renewal form

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NOTICES TO MEMBERS

ADMIN MATTERS

- ◆ **Membership Office**
Siobhan Dineen has joined us as the new Membership Administrator, should you have any queries regarding membership please do not hesitate to contact her.
- ◆ **Office Hours**
Office Hours are from 09h00 to 13h00 and from 14h00 to 17h00. Members wishing to purchase stock by credit card may fax their card information and order request through to us anytime on (064) 37269.
- ◆ **Ordering of Stock**
Members must please allow approximately 2days for delivery of stock on receipt of payment. Should you be running low on stock please order before you run out. This will ensure that all members receive their purchases as quickly as possible.
- ◆ **Christmas Closure**
The ECSSA offices will be closing for Christmas from Tuesday the 23rd December 2003 till Friday the 2nd January 2004.

I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Joanna

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