

## **Evolving Concrete 2017 – the programme is unfolding...**

THE CONCRETE SOCIETY announces a diverse and forward-thinking programme under the theme **'Forming Our Future'**, for the third Evolving Concrete one-day CPD-accredited seminar to be held at the Royal Berkshire Conference Centre on 28 September 2017.

The Society has already revealed that the programme will be opened by Chris Dulake, major projects portfolio director and global metros practice leader at Mott MacDonald (and previously engineering director for HS2 Phase 1 and chief engineer for Crossrail), and can now confirm that his presentation will be entitled, **'Forming our future – is our industry equipped for the challenge?'**, which will start the day's proceedings with some insightful issues facing construction in the UK.

Kathy Calverley, managing director of The Society, said, "To be able to attract such interesting and informed speakers such as Chris Dulake to our technical showcase is a huge coup for The Society. Chris is a strong advocate for efficiency and quality in design and construction, and we look forward to his presentation on such a perceptive and thought-provoking subject."

This discerning opening address will be followed by equally informative presentations by industry experts to include:

### **The Hinkley Point nuclear power station project**

*Peter Abel, chief materials engineer – Bylor, a Bouygues TP/Laing O'Rourke JV*  
*Dr Sarah Williamson, technical director – Bylor, a Bouygues TP/Laing O'Rourke JV*

### **Ternary cements, specification and characteristics**

*Dr Colum McCague, technical manager – MPA Cement*

### **Designing steel-fibre-reinforced tunnel linings**

*Sotiris Psomas, senior engineering manager – Underground Professional Services (Morgan Sindall Group)*

### **Validation of pile-supported slabs design guidelines by experimental large-scale tests**

*Hendrik Thooft, global product market manager – Bekaert*

### **Development of a new admixture to enable consistent concrete quality when using marginal clay-containing sands**

*Dr Jan Kluegge, head of marketing, ready-mix Europe – BASF*

### **Evolution of visual and durable concrete; use of controlled permeable formwork on a major public building**

*Trevor Larkin, head of business development – Max Frank*

**Developments in precast concrete solutions for modern living**

*Terry Rosbotham, technical manager – Creagh Concrete Products*

With further topics to be added to the agenda, The Concrete Society showcases its position as a centre of technical knowledge for the construction industry. This high-level seminar day with exhibition and optional evening dinner is open to both members and non-members, and will be of particular interest to architects, consultant engineers and contractors.

Evolving Concrete will be held at the Royal Berkshire Conference Centre near Junction 11 of the M4, Reading. The venue has excellent travel links, free parking and, as well as a 200-bedroom hotel on-site, there is also a range of hotels within a short radius.

For further information on this event, visit: [www.evolving-concrete.org](http://www.evolving-concrete.org), Tel: 01276 607140 or e-mail: [evolving@concrete.org.uk](mailto:evolving@concrete.org.uk)

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**About The Concrete Society**

The Concrete Society celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, being founded in 1966. It remains an independent technical organisation with a broad membership base that includes professional engineers and designers, the contracting and material supply industry, academia and client bodies from over 60 countries.

The Society offers a comprehensive portfolio of products and services to the industry including its highly regarded advisory service, which offers prompt and impartial support to industry clients either on-site or by telephone and e-mail.

It is also held in high regard for its magazines and technical reports, providing an invaluable information resource.

Additionally, The Society provides increased opportunities for professional development in concrete. It also runs regular one-day courses on varying subjects for the industry. For more details visit: [www.concrete.org.uk](http://www.concrete.org.uk)

Membership involvement is key to the enduring success of The Society, with a strong UK network of technical support and social activity.