

## **President's Update**

Welcome to the 1st edition of the IEEM Alumni newsletter for 2006.

Once again, the Alumni activities planned for 2006 will revolve around 3 main functions held throughout the year. However, this year the IEEM Alumni will be participating in 2 joint functions with the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE).

These functions will provide the alumni with opportunities to keep in contact and catch up with past class mates as well as the added benefit of being able to socialise with the IIE and thus developing a stronger nucleus of Industrial Engineers in Australia.

The first function for 2006 will be a speaker night, which will take place on Thursday 11th May. Please note this date in your diaries. The topic of the speaker night is "Industrial Engineering Opportunities in Australia" and is aimed at developing awareness among the IEEM alumni as to the strength of the IE presence in our country. More details of this function are contained later in the newsletter.

Once again, the Alumni Council has experienced a strong rotation in its members, with a series of new faces joining.

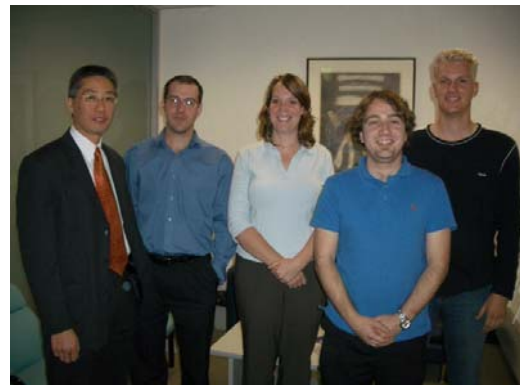
The Alumni Council members for 2006 are:

Tanya Seidel (President)  
Rick Lapeyre (Vice President / President Elect)  
Matthew Arblaster (Treasurer)  
Paul Simmenauer (Secretary)  
Derek Karadimos (Editor)  
Jamie Cavalieros (Editor)

One of the Council's goals for 2006 is to develop a strong relationship with IIE so that joint ventures can be used to further increase the presence of IE's throughout Australia. This has been made achievable since the election of Dr. Damian Kennedy as National President of IIE. The council wishes Damian well in his new role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob Murphy, Paul Mracek, Eduardo Vom for donating their time to support the Speaker Night on May 11. Undoubtedly, each will add their own flavour to the night as they enlighten us on their own stories. Finally, I would like to thank Chris Hung for his assistance in coordinating the Third Annual IE Alumni 20-Year Reunion' (1986 IE graduates). The efforts of the aforementioned are much appreciated.

Tanya Seidel  
IEEM Alumni President 2006



Above: The 2006 IE Alumni Council members (L-R): Chris Hung, Paul Simmenauer, Tanya Seidel, Jamie Cavalieros, Matthew Arblaster  
IE Alumni absent members: Rick Lapeyre and Derek Karadimos

## First Function 2006

PLEASE JOIN US AND YOUR FELLOW  
ALUMNI FOR OUR

# SPEAKER NIGHT “**INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN AUSTRALIA**”

- When:** MAY 11th, 2006  
6:30pm.
- Where:** Clayfield Room,  
Monash University  
Caulfield Campus  
A1.39, A Block  
(ground floor).
- Cost:** \$10 which  
includes nibbles  
and soft drink.

As mentioned in the President's update, the first function of 2006 will be a speaker night addressing the opportunities for Industrial Engineers in Australia. Speakers range from IIE members to past graduates all of whom will bring along their experiences. The speaker night will be a good way for everyone to catch up for the first time in 2006 and to introduce the IEEM Alumni to the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

To **RSVP** please contact 2006 Alumni President Tanya Seidel by:  
Mobile: 0438 771 408 **or**  
Email: seidel\_tanya@hotmail.com.

Payment should be made by cash only and upon entry to the event.

## 20 Year Reunion – Class of 1986

Once again, the Alumni will be hosting a 20 year reunion function in the month of July, this year for the class of 1986. In the past, these functions have been extremely successful at bringing together past students so that they can catch up and reminisce on times they shared while studying. More information on this event will follow in the next newsletter.

## Christmas Drinks Function

The final function for 2006 will again be a Christmas drink celebration since these events have been such a success in the past.

The evening will be a great social occasion where current and past students and staff will have the opportunity to catch up over a few drinks and nibbles one last time before 2007 is upon us.



Above: Lucy Murphy and friends at Christmas 2005 IEEM Alumni function



*From right to left:* Joseph Wojciechowski, Paul Holland, Don Sheridan, Mark Dowlan, Dominic DeRauch



Above gathered around the table are 2005 Final Year IEEM students doing what they do best...Smiling! And in the background we have Anna Maltezos, say hi!



*Above:* IEEM Christmas Alumni, Racecourse Hotel Caulfield, November 2005



*Above:* Jamie Cavaleros, getting into the spirit of things! Taxi?!



*Above from right to left:* Grant Mitchell (Immediate Past IEEM Alumni President, Tanya Seidel (IE Alumni President), Rick Lapeyre (IE Alumni Vice President/President Elect) and invited guest Daniel Kulaweic (IIE Victoria Vice President)

## SPONSORS

In order to develop into a stronger alumni organisation we are seeking sponsors that are able to provide some financial assistance. This can be as a form of monetary sponsorship or sponsorship of events or scholarship programs. Funds collected from our sponsors are essential in enabling us to hold bigger and better functions and further grow our alumni presence.

Sponsors will be rewarded through regular sponsor advertisements in our newsletters and flyers that are distributed to all alumni members. They are also able to have a presence by logos etc at our events and functions. This ensures that our sponsors will reach a large and varied and influential audience within the business and industrial environment.

## A Brief Chat with.....Michael Burns

In each edition of the IEEM Newsletter, we will feature a member of the Alumni. The questions are:

*What year did you graduate?* Finished 2004, graduated May 2005

*What was your first job?* Trainee Production Manager at Stegbar Windows in Rowville. I learnt a lot in my role, particularly being thrown into that type of position straight from University.

*Where did that lead?* After 10 months at Stegbar, I left to work in the Automotive industry and took a role as Quality Assurance with Holden Engine Operations. This has been very rewarding

*Why do you think IE is a great career choice?* I think it is a very flexible degree to have. You can work in a range of different areas in different industries.

*Do you keep in touch with your fellow Alumni?* Yes, I have many friends from University that I see frequently, and it is always good to attend a function and catch up with everyone that I haven't seen for a while.