

London Region welcomes Eurotaxglass's London Region report

The London Region's new lecture programme got off to a great start at the tail-end of last year with a presentation by Eurotaxglass's on its Glassmatix 4 computer estimating system.

The Chairman, Ted Allen introduced guests speakers, Bob Frearson, Glassmatix Product Support Manager, John Jeffery, Glassmatix Customer Care Manager, and Stephen Seager, Glassmatix Area Account Manager for South East England.

The guests introduced themselves to the members and gave a brief history and individual career background on themselves. The members were given a history of the company, from its inception in 1932 by William Glass to the present time and the company's new owners.

The main focus of the presentation was the use of Glassmatix 4 for the independent engineer assessor. Bob Frearson explained that the system is an integrated, purpose built package for the engineer. The package includes Glassmatix for compiling damage assessments, GlassImage for vehicle

damage images, Glass's Evaluator for determining pre-accident values and a purpose-built report module containing standard or bespoke engineers' reports, letters and fee notes.

Functionality

Glassmatix contains advance functionality, making accurate vehicle assessing quicker and easier. System features include Thatcham TTS times, parts prices direct from the vehicle manufacturers, vehicle registration mark (VRM) look-up, process driven interface, automatic workflow, graphical parts and labour repair method entry system, and links to Thatcham eSCRIBE and repair methods facility.

Bob explained that the system represents exceptional value and provides low cost entry. It's a Windows based system for single or multiple users,

specifically designed for the independent engineer and assessor, and the system will enable engineers to improve accuracy and speed in producing professional reports. These can be tailor-made and designed for the individual company with graphics and logos.

Live estimating

The region was given a practical demonstration by Bob, who built estimates from scratch including inputting administration details, vehicle detail, valuations and the actual repair estimate. This was a surprisingly quick process and clearly demonstrated the advantages to production for the independent engineer.

The training courses available are very comprehensive, giving instruction to new users and advanced estimators alike. The system also comes with free full helpdesk facilities and monthly update discs for users.

The members found this presentation very interesting and informative, and it enlightened them to the unexpected low cost of running this system.

A vote of thanks was given by Ted Allen to our kind guests for giving up their time and giving the region this lecture.

Tony Simpson

Ed's note: to find out more information on Glassmatix 4 estimating system, call 01932 823782 or visit the website at www.eurotaxglass.co.uk/glassmatix.

2011 Annual General Meeting

Yorkshire Region

Date: Tuesday, 15 February 2011

Venue: Junction 25 Conference and Meeting Venue (KITS)

Kirkdale House
Armytage Road
Brighouse
HD6 1QF

Start time: 7.00pm prompt

A pie and pea supper will be provided

The members worked very hard in 2010 to prevent the closure of the failing Leeds Centre and have turned it into one of the most popular IAEA Regional Centres in the UK. It now needs your continued support to sustain the development of this region.

This is your region and the AGM is your opportunity to have your say.

If you are able to attend, please inform Ivan Marriott, Regional

Secretary, as soon as possible so he can give the Junction 25 caterers a reasonably accurate number of attendees. His contact details are:
07595 607519;
email: ivan.marriott@o2.co.uk

Welcome to our new members

The IAEA would like to welcome the following people on board as student members of the organisation:

Christopher Butterworth
Declan Braund

Paul Duddy
Liam Sammon

We also extend a warm welcome to the following, who have been upgraded to become full IAEA members:

Adam Bailey
Dean Calcutt
Robert Davies
Jonathan Eddie
Mark Jowett

Angus Macdonald
Keith Partington
Mathew Poole
Brett Rhodes
Alan Robinson