

NEW FACES

Introducing your new committee members

At the AGM in May 2000 you elected several new committee members: -

Clare Johnson completed her doctorate in September 1999 entitled 'Politics and power: Government intervention in the Muda irrigation scheme, Malaysia'. This work addressed the inter-connectivity between national politics, irrigation policies and policy outcomes. In so doing, it highlighted the significance of politics and power in the allocation and management of water resources at the local level. Since obtaining her doctorate Clare has been working as a Research Fellow at the Flood Hazard Research Centre, Middlesex University. Currently, her research interests focus on; risk sharing in the UK water industry, climate change adaptation and water management decision-making, irrigation and the enhancement of rural livelihoods, as well as addressing various issues in flood hazard management. *C.Johnson@MDX.AC.UK Flood Hazard Research Centre <http://www.fhrc.mdx.ac.uk>*



Felicity Chancellor has a professional background in Agricultural Economics and Social Work. She currently works for HR Wallingford Ltd., where she specialises in rural development, concentrating on the importance of socio-economic parameters in influencing water issues and irrigation. Her recent work has centred on the problems facing smallholder, resource poor farmers, their changing social roles and objectives, and future access to water for demographic groups such as older people, women, widows, land-less people and the poor. This people-centred approach is vital to the programmes of DFID, UK, and the European Union. She has worked in Egypt, Philippines, Eritrea, South Africa, Gambia, Thailand, India, Zambia, Kenya, and Zimbabwe.

Derek Clarke is a lecturer at the Institute of Irrigation and Development Studies, University of Southampton, specialising in the teaching of water resources and the use of irrigation software. He led the team which wrote the irrigation scheduling program "CROPWAT for WINDOWS" in collaboration with FAO in Rome. For several years he coordinated the Southampton-Wageningen 4 week training course on Computer Applications in Irrigation. He is currently managing a 2-year EU funded research project on irrigation water requirements of the major crops of the Syr Dara river in Kazakhstan.



Jitin Davda graduated in Civil Engineering at the University of Bristol in 1994 and followed up with an MSc in Irrigation Engineering at the University of Southampton in 1997. Since then he has worked with W S Atkins in coastal engineering beach replenishment, flood analysis, land impact assessment and asset management in UK, hydraulic design and hydrological assessment in India. He is a great proponent of "Meta-Engineering", the parallel being metaphysics, in which engineering needs to be viewed from alternative angles to the traditional. What better field to be in than irrigation and flood control?