



QUO VADIS REMAINS A UNIQUE EVENT

The conference, which was first held with a small group in Luton in 2007, is unique in the industry as it is only for invited guests and excludes the turbine manufacturers, which in turn provides a great opportunity for owners and operators to share their knowledge and experience. We were honoured to be invited to help with that focus and intent

The conference has been a continuing feature of this magazine since its inception. We will continue to report on the Quo Vadis conference and focus on some of the companies who regularly attend this event in future editions.

Our magazine's mantra is 'As long as submitted editorial content is seen to help the industry move forward as a whole, we will publish' and this event fits extremely well with the organiser's ethos.

QUO VADIS CONFERENCE

Previous Quo Vadis venues have been Belfast, Northern Ireland to London UK, both Berlin and Hamburg in

Germany, not forgetting Barcelona in Spain and Prague in the Czech Republic. There is therefore a truly international feel.

We now visit the beautiful city of Lisbon, Portugal and a location appreciated by all delegates.

SEMI-SOCIAL EVENTS

Quo Vadis has always made use of the interesting surroundings and facilities of the venues visited and Lisbon was no exception. The Tivoli Oriente Hotel with its Sky Bar and Terrace is situated fairly close to the Marina and was frequented by many of the delegates on a number of occasions!

A boat trip on the Tagus Estuary was the attraction on the introductory day and allowed some good networking opportunities as well as mixing with fellow delegates and their partners – something which the organisers Sigi and Kevin always achieve in creating a mix of friendship as well as professional opportunities.

FREE TO ATTEND

The attendance of Quo Vadis is free for invited guests and this is only possible because of the support of the sponsors and exhibitors who set up stands adjacent to the main conference.

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QUO VADIS CONFERENCE AND SPEAKERS

Welcome and introduction – Sigi Donovan from WRS GmbH (Windpower Renewable Solutions), acting Chair for the day welcomed all present and explained why we were assembled. Although Kevin was available to assist if required, Sigrig led the way.

Sigi then introduced the first speaker – Joe Dalton, Asset Management Director at NTR, who explained the use of a centralised data system, designing and building algorithms for automatic analysis of turbine and site performance.

We were then treated to various presentations from leaders in their field of expertise which proved to be interesting, informative and above all professionally delivered with a

measured amount of appropriate humour.

SPEAKERS

- Brian McDaid, Head of Turbine O&M, RES Ltd – Yaw system maintenance and failure modes
- Jerry Williamson, Director of Operations & Maintenance, SSE Renewables – The industrialisation of wind (Onshore wind O&M from an owner's perspective)
- Paul Sheldon, Operations & Maintenance Manager, RWE Renewables – detecting early stages of developing failure modes within gearboxes
- Sigrid Donovan – Quo Vadis Hall of Fame
- Martin Stanyon, Technical Asset Manager, Octopus Renewables – Project Optimum, the many-tentacled approach to wind optimisation
- Jason Beresford, Asset Lead Scotland and Tommy Crowden, Asset Lead England and Wales, E.ON C&R – Extending the life of onshore windfarms
- Iain Dinwoodie, Senior Asset Performance Engineer; Natural Power – Busting the silos for optimal operations
- Keir Harman, Director, Renewables Operations, DNV GL – A real case study of life extension
- Questions, discussion and networking breaks

Yet again we experienced a constantly evolving well thought out format featuring relatively short presentations

broken up by question and answer sessions, comfort breaks and ample networking opportunities. This area of organisation is difficult to achieve – in effect you 'have to please all of the people all of the time' – specifically delegates and exhibitors.

The secret which Sigi and Kevin have realised is history – finding out what everyone has experienced (their views) and improving on what has gone before.

ADJOINING EXHIBITION

The opportunity for relevant organisations and companies to exhibit was given and the stands were extremely busy, both in offering more detailed valuable advice, highlighted in the conference proper, as well as providing information on their relevant products and services.

SUMMARY

Sigi, ably assisted by Kevin when called upon, summarised the day and both were complimented by all attendees on the professional way the conference was organised and kept lively throughout the two days.

WHERE NEXT?

The biggest compliment which can be given to Sigi, Kevin and the team is that those present came forward during the day to offer their support for the future of the event.

Sigrig announced that the next conference would be held in Munich, Germany on 16th/17th September 2020 and they have already secured sponsor support to make this happen.



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