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## Dear EFEE members

Since the March edition of the EFEE newsletter, two new national memberships were approved by the EFEE council. The two are the Estonian Association of Mining Enterprises and the French Association SYUNDEX, furthermore the Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE) from UK has reunited with EFEE after a couple of years absence. Contacts are constantly made with other national society regarding future membership. The number of companies and individual membership is also growing and EFEE have long passed the European frontiers, with members in all continents.

This newsletter's purpose is to keep the members informed in between council meetings and conferences. This edition contains a review of the 5<sup>th</sup> EFEE Conference in Budapest, an article by the IExpE representative in EFEE and the new possibility to advertise in the EFEE newsletter.

The next newsletter will be ready in October 2009, following the next EFEE council meeting in Paris same month. Until then the EFEE Newsletter wishes its readers, around the world, a great summer in the northern hemisphere and a great winter in the southern.

*Johan Finsteen Gjødvad*

*Chairman of the Newsletter committee and member of the board*

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## The 5<sup>th</sup> EFEE world conference, Budapest April 2009 [\[BACK\]](#)

The Budapest Conference was a success, this despite the dark clouds over the world economy for the time being. The 5<sup>th</sup> EFEE world conference involved delegates, companies, joining more than 250 participants from 45 countries.

During the two days of the conference, the participants had the opportunity to listen to and discuss more than 36 papers concerning training and experiences in the field of blasting, the newest technologies and techniques concerning explosive and blasting. The papers were contributed by a mixture of companies, cooperatives, universities and educational institutions, privates and authorities from around the world, all joining to share their skills and enhancing their knowledge in the field of explosives. The initial workshop had 50 participants attending two different presentations, dealing with Electronic Detonators and Applications of Explosives in Compaction, Welding and Metal Forming. Among the 32 companies and organizations that exhibited their products and ideas, a brief interview by the EFEE newsletter revealed that a large majority were very positive to the conference and exhibition, as stated by one of the exhibitors: *“Despite the economical downturn, EFEE has succeeded to draw together an interested crowd. The participants all seem very focused and we have already managed to talk to existing costumers and established contact to new once”*.



**LEFT:** EFEE Council, Budapest April 2009  
**TOP:** Presidents of ISEE (J.R. Wallace)  
President of EFEE (J.C. Gois)  
President of MARE (Hungarian Society for Blasting Technology)  
(László Lukács)

The atmosphere created by the conference was used for networking and socialising, establishing important contacts. For some there also was a time to visit some of the many places in beautiful Budapest. In regard to the successful Conference it is important to refer to the efforts of Prof. Peter Moser and his Technical Committee ensuring a high standard of the papers. Furthermore the professionalism of the event organizer, TylerEvents, was clearly felt and applauded by both individuals and exhibitors. Last but not least, many thanks to all our sponsors.

EFEE thanks Budapest for its hospitality, and looks forward to the 6<sup>th</sup> conference, which will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in September 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 2011.

*José Carlos Gois, EFEE President and  
Johan Finsteen Gjøvdad, Chairman of the Newsletter committee and member of the board*

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## IExpE reunited with EFEE [\[BACK\]](#)

*UK strengthening the European Federation of Explosive Engineers*

The Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE) is happy to have rejoined EFEE at a time when there is so much happening with training and qualifications across the explosives sector and across Europe. IExpE is now a Professional Affiliate of the Engineering Council of the United Kingdom. This has opened up the possibility of our suitably qualified members gaining an engineering qualification that is recognised across the engineering professions, not only in the UK but around the world. This will identify them as having a professionally recognised competence and will improve their career prospects. There are three qualifications possible: Engineering Technician (Eng Tech), Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Chartered Engineer (CEng).

The route to these qualifications will be linked to the work that is being done to develop explosives related Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCFs) that are replacing National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) in the United Kingdom.



At this stage it is worth noting that the membership of IExpE is about 1000 individual members from across the explosives sector covering demolition, mining, quarrying, EOD, research, forensics, firework display organisers and special effects to name but a few. All our members gain entry by demonstrating their explosives competence by exam or work supported by references.

IExpE also has branches in Australia and Singapore and members in many countries. While the EFEE conference was being held in Budapest we had our own AGM and Conference and the photograph shows some of our members engrossed in one of the presentations. The conference was held at the Fire Services College in Moreton in Marsh in the Cotswolds.

*Alan Morley, IExpE (UK) envoy to EFEE*

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## Advertisement in the EFEE Newsletter [\[BACK\]](#)

*Reaching out to the world of explosive engineers.*

During the 5th EFEE world conference in Budapest 2009, the EFEE-Newsletter took the opportunity to have a talk with the exhibitors of the conference. The subject was how they felt about the conference, both the EFEE conference in general and also compared to other similar events. The overall answer was very positive, not only was the general opinion that the conference gathered an important group of the explosives business, but there was also a very positive attitude towards sales, advertisement/branding of the products and networking.

Furthermore the exhibitors were asked about the possibility to advertise in the EFEE-Newsletter, while at the same time presented an estimate of the outspread of the EFEE-Newsletter in the explosive sector stating that; the EFEE-Newsletter apart from being sent to its 23 national members also is received by more than 1000 cooperates and universities, and more than 6500 individuals, a number based upon how many the newsletter is forwarded to from the first row of receivers (the estimate does not include viewers that are able to download the newsletter on the EFEE and national homepages). The Response was overwhelming and the EFEE-Newsletter can now present its first edition with advertisements.

If your company, university or organization should have interest in advertisement, please refer to the EFEE secretariat at [info@efee.eu](mailto:info@efee.eu).

*Johan Finsteen Gjødvad, Chairman of the Newsletter committee and member of the board*

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	June 3-4	KazMinEx Conference 2009	<a href="http://www.caspian-events.com">www.caspian-events.com</a>
	June 8-12	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mining Expo	<a href="http://www.elkocva.com">http://www.elkocva.com</a>
	June 9-11	Geomin 2009- First International Seminar on Geology for the Mining Industry	<a href="http://www.geomin2009.com">www.geomin2009.com</a>
	June 11-12	The Third of the Mining and Environment Symposium	<a href="http://www.maden.org.tr">www.maden.org.tr</a>
	June 14-17	2009 RETC - Rapid Excavation & Tunneling	<a href="http://www.retc.com">www.retc.com</a>
	June 22-24	Central Asia mining Congress 2009	<a href="http://www.terrapinn.com">www.terrapinn.com</a>
	June 23	Mining in Zimbabwe ... a new beginning?	<a href="http://www.omegaminingspartners.com">www.omegaminingspartners.com</a>
	June 22-26	Securing the Future	<a href="http://www.security.skelleftea.se">www.security.skelleftea.se</a>
	June 23-24	3rd annual Conference on Substance Abuse for the Mining Industry	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining">http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining</a>
	July 1-2	Mining Technology World Exhibition and Conference	<a href="http://www.minetechnology.co.za">www.minetechnology.co.za</a>
	July 27-31	22 <sup>nd</sup> International Colloquium on the Dynamics of Explosions and Reactive Systems	<a href="http://www.icders2009.com">www.icders2009.com</a>
	Aug. 5-6	Western Mine Blasting Safety and Application Seminar	<a href="mailto:malay.kevin@dol.gov">malay.kevin@dol.gov</a> <a href="mailto:lawson.douglas@dol.gov">lawson.douglas@dol.gov</a>
	Sept. 12-13	Workshop on Vibrations from Blasting	<a href="http://www.fragblast.org">http://www.fragblast.org</a>
	Sept. 13-17	Fragblast-9	<a href="http://www.fragblast.org">www.fragblast.org</a>
	Sept 22-25.	International Autumn Seminar on Propellants, Explosives and Pyrotechnics	<a href="http://www.iaspep.com.cn/">http://www.iaspep.com.cn/</a>
	Oct. 20-22	CHINA MINING Congress & Expo 2009	<a href="http://www.china-mining.com/">http://www.china-mining.com/</a>
	Oct. 28-31	WXXVII International Mining Congress & Exhibit	<a href="http://www.expominmexico.com.mx/">http://www.expominmexico.com.mx/</a>
	Nov 12-13	14 <sup>th</sup> PA Drilling and Blasting Conference	<a href="http://conferences.psu.edu/Blasting">conferences.psu.edu/Blasting</a>
Nov	Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Tunnel Conference in Hong Kong	<a href="mailto:gbridges@mtr.com.hk">gbridges@mtr.com.hk</a>	
Dec. 3-4	Kentucky Blasting Conference	<a href="http://www.kyblastingconference.com/">www.kyblastingconference.com/</a>	
2010	Feb. 7-10	ISEE's 36th Annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique	<a href="http://www.isee.org">www.isee.org</a>

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