

## Branch reports 2022

### London

Limited activity, currently focussed on rebuilding social activity and programme for key events in 2023.

### New York

We marched in the Tartan Day parade in April and attended the post parade event.

We join local UK Alumni events such as British Pub Quiz at the local British Pub, and the mixers offered.

### Norway

Watt Club Norway – Annual report for 2021

After an active year full of events in 2019, 2020 and 2021 to a large extent influenced by lock down caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The only event held in 2021 was a successful investment seminar was held at the British Ambassador's residence sponsored by Connectum 11th March 2020 open to clients and contacts of Connectum and Heriot-Watt alumni. Out of 50 attendees 22 were Heriot-Watt graduates. Only one day after the seminar Norway was locked down due to the Covid Pandemic and this put a halt to physical meetings for a long time. The first new physical meeting after this took place 21st October and this was an invitation to a black tie private screening of the new James Bond film and cocktails jointly arranged by the British Norwegian Chamber of Commerce (BNCC) and Connectum. Out of 81 attending, 27 were Heriot-Watt alumni.

During 2021 and the first half of 2022 monthly webinars arranged by the BNCC which Heriot-Watt alumni were invited to. On 6th October 2022 an evening reception was held at the British Ambassador's residence hosted by Heriot-Watt University for a belated celebration of the University's bicentenary. This was attended by, among other, Heriot-Watt's principal and vice-chancellor Professor Richard Williams, Professor and Norwegian Honorary Consul Julian Jones, Gavin Rennie from the Development and Alumni Office and over 100 hundred Heriot-Watt Alumni. Speakers included the British Ambassador to Norway, His Excellency Richard Wood, Professor Richard Williams, a representative from Fred Olsen Renewables and Dr Nils-Odd Tønnevoll on behalf of Watt Club Norway.

The high quality of the events with regard to speakers, topics and venues are the chief reasons for attracting the large number of Heriot-Watt alumni. We would not have been able to do this on our own accord. The partnership between Watt Club Norway and the BNCC have been and is instrumental to achieving this.

It is the view of the board that access to these monthly activities are critical in order to survive and grow.

We are hoping to arrange an annual St Andrew's Ceilidh for WCN alumni and establishing a Watt Club Norway Sponsorship for select, exceptionally bright Norwegians to attend Heriot-Watt who could not otherwise afford it.

Watt Club Norway Board, Oslo, 15th November 2022

## Singapore

The committee members have regular virtual meetings. We engaged our Singapore members with various webinars.

All webinars are free to all WCS members.

1. Recognised our Past President with a plaque.
2. Fengshui Talk
3. Property Outlook
4. Safety - Best Practice and Culture
5. Virtual Tour
6. Overview of Integrated Waste Management Facility
7. Community Works in Singapore
8. MOU with SIBL
9. Webinar by SIBL
10. Webinar (monthly) by SRMEG
11. Long Term Plan Review (LTPR) Exhibition

An annual report in PDF format is attached.

## Toronto

The Toronto Watt committee has met approximately 12 times this year to discuss business.

1. The committee team met with Andrew MacKinnon (HW) - April 5 at Royal York Hotel for dinner and drinks.
2. Toronto Watt club had an a very successful Pub night in downtown Toronto on Sept 15, 2022 @ Duke of Cambridge Pub
  - a. total of 9 alumni were add the pub night.
  - b. Picture included
3. Committee team is looking to hold their next meeting - mid- Dec to start planning for an event in 2023 (springtime).
4. Committee are looking for new alumni to join the team to bring in fresh ideas to attract more alumni

## Zambia

Attached