

LTC represent UK for new European Standard revision



The kick-off meeting for the revision of the European Standard for fairground equipment safety was held at the start of June, to which LTC was invited to represent the UK Amusement Device Safety Council and NAFLIC.

significant role in developing.

Bob (pictured left, sitting to the right of a colleague on the committee) commented: "The European Standard governs a lot of the UK leisure industry activities, so it is important to get it right for everyone concerned".

Bob Nicholls, Managing Director of LTC, spent three days at the conference in Rome with industry members from Europe and the US to discuss potential changes to BS EN 13814:2004, already comprehensive document covering a wide variety of safety topics for amusement devices, and one which LTC also had a

The revision process is aimed to take approximately two years, with meetings taking place regularly. A number of conflicts between the standard and UK law will hopefully be addressed during the revision and development of the new standard.

Euro Attractions Show '09

Exhibiting at the Euro Attractions Show (EAS) was such a success for the LTC team last year, that the company has decided to do it all again in Amsterdam for EAS 2009.

Last year, the show generated a number of new business opportunities for LTC, as well as raised the company's profile in the European market.

LTC will be exhibiting in booth 572, at the RAI Amsterdam. The exhibition stand hopes to be as impressive as before, with an animated showreel, video footage, inspection artefacts, as well as a seating space for business meetings. We hope to see you there!

Below: the LTC stand in 2008

The show, held annually, allows amusement park owners, ride suppliers and manufacturers, and other leisure industry organisations and companies such as LTC, to meet, exchange ideas and develop business relationships. Although many come from Europe, there are also a number of international attendees.



LTC star in BINDT video



The British Institute for Non-Destructive Testing (BINDT) recently invited LTC to appear in its latest promotional DVD, and in May, filming took place at Alton Towers Resort.

LTC inspection engineer Antony Mitchell starred in the segment, filmed in a day at Alton Towers. Antony demonstrated Magnetic Particle Inspection (MPI), Ultrasonic Testing (UT) and Eddy Current inspection (EC) on the *Oblivion* vertical drop coaster shuttle car.

The video, which aims to show how Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) is used in everyday and familiar applications, and its importance with regards to safety, includes a segment on amusement device safety and inspection, which features a significant amount of NDT.

The video has not been released yet – when it is published, find it at LTC online: www.ltci.co.uk

Above: Antony performing UT



LTC liaises with Italy's notified body for rides - IMQ

LTC has announced a collaborative arrangement with Italy's largest notified body, IMQ.

The collaboration was brokered as a result of recent changes to Italian law requiring all of Italy's amusement devices to be inspected periodically, in a similar way to how they are required to in the UK.

The arrangement is seen by both parties as an excellent means to help the Italian leisure inspection industry develop to meet the increased stringent requirements.

LTC has many years experience in providing thorough examination and other inspection services to both UK and international clients

IMQ provide inspection, approval and certification services for a wide range of industries in Italy, and have recently expanded into the

Italian leisure sector, in the wake of the new legislative requirements

Gianni Chiari, General Secretary at Italian ride association EASSI, helped to broker the deal between LTC and IMQ. The new legislation is likely to affect Italian ride designers, manufacturers and suppliers.

LTC are seen as the perfect choice to provide expert technical and organisational guidance, and will work exclusively with IMQ's new division, which is Italy's amusement device approval scheme, similar to the unique role of ADIPS in the UK.

Bob Nicholls Managing/ Technical Director for LTC, was also keen to stress that this along with other business developments, such as the new technical office and staff increases and specialist training, was to the benefit of all clients, whether at home or further afield.

LTC and IMQ visited Camelot during the set-up meeting

Left: LTC Senior Inspection Engineer Mark Wolstenholme with Gianni Chari of EAS.

Middle Top: Bob Nicholls discusses technical matters with IMQ delegates Gianantonio Masin and Claudio Roversi.

Middle Bottom: LTC Inspection Engineer Antony Mitchell demonstrating Ultrasonic Inspection to Claudio

Right: Bob Nicholls and Claudio Roversi.

Engineer joins LTC team

LTC recently announced a new addition to the team, Nick Bond. Nick will join our team of LTC Inspection Engineers, and he brings 14 years of experience in a wide range of NDT methods to the role.

Administrative Director Janet Nicholls commented: "We wish Nick all the best as he develops his career with us".

You can find out more about Nick, as well as profiles of all members of the LTC team at www.ltci.co.uk

