RICS Building Surveying Virtual Conference
21 July 2020

As unprecedented levels of disruption face the surveying profession, it has never been more critical to stay ahead of the game and adopt new approaches that better meet both clients and societal demands.

Questions to be answered:
- How is the Covid-19 pandemic impacting our markets?
- How is the Hackitt Review being implemented, and what are the implications for surveyors?
- How should we change our approach to surveying to avoid business disruptions?
- Which technologies can help us to stay efficient during social distancing period?

These are only some of the key questions tackling at this year’s conference, along with an array of break-out sessions that will enable you to build your own path according to what is most useful to your own practice.

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| 09:15 | **UK Economic update and implications on property market**  
• Impact of Covid-19 to global and UK economy  
• Implications for building surveyors  
• What happened during previous crises?  
• Property market outlook  
Julian Francis, Executive Director of External Affairs, Association for Consultancy and Engineering  
Simon Rubinsohn, Chief Economist, RICS |                                               |  |
| 09:55 | Break                                         |                                               |  |
| 10:00 | **Plenary Discussion: RICS role in dealing with the crisis: what has been done to guide the profession through Covid-19 and how will it help shape the future?**  
• What has been done to support the profession and the industry?  
• Experience of practitioners in dealing with Covid-19 and its consequences  
• Potential longer term impacts on the profession [risks and opportunities]  
• Thoughts on existing building surveying professional statements and guidance notes  
Luay Al-Khatib, Director of Professional Standards and Policy Regulation Operations, RICS  
Craig Ross, Associate Director Built Environment, RICS |                                               |  |
| 10:40 | Break                                         |                                               |  |
| 10:45 | **Moving forward with the Hackitt Review**    |                                               |  |
| 11:15 | Networking break                              |                                               |  |
|       | **Break-out sessions**                        |                                               |  |
| 11:45 | 1A session **Discussion: Driving sustainable developments – environmental and wellbeing factors**  
• How will the crisis affect the existing environmental policies?  
• Balancing financial outcomes with sustainable objectives and occupants’ wellbeing  
• Encouraging and implementing sustainable building standards  
• Renewable heating initiative – how is it affecting future construction projects?  
Ann-Marie Aguilar, Senior Vice President; EMEA Region, International WELL Building Institute  
Oliver Morris, Senior Sustainability Consultant, TFT  
Susan Logan, Managing Director, Ecoteric |                                               |  |
|       | 1B session **The role of the profession in embedding fire safety in buildings**  
• Ensuring fire safety standards are met in existing buildings – challenges and solutions for retrofitting  
• Using BIM and data to increase efficiency of operations  
• Increasing cross-industry collaboration to embed effective fire safety solutions  
• New definitions of the “golden threads” to ensure the enhanced continuity for each project  
Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Group Director Development and Sale, London and Quadrant  
Sui-Te Wu, Director, Lean BIM Strategies |                                               |  |

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| 11:45 | 1C session | Defects and modern methods of construction | • Introducing BOPAS  
• Implications of MMCs for building surveyors  
• What defects are most common in MMC properties?  
• Understanding the manufacturing process and repair options  
Jeff Maxted, Director of Technical Consultancy, BLP Insurance  
Terry Mundy, UK Business Development Manager, Lloyd’s Register EMEA |
| 11:45 | 1D session | Embedding technology in building surveying practice | • The latest technologies that are transforming the profession  
• Leveraging new software and systems to increase efficiency  
• Reskilling ourselves to make the most of new tech  
• Using visualisation technologies for surveying in “new normal”  
Mark Enzer, CTO, Mott MacDonald  
Paul Wilkinson, Managing Director, PWcom.co.uk |
| 12:25 | Break | | |
| 12:35 | 2A session | Cladding and external wall systems | • Why are so many buildings not adequate?  
• What is needed in existing buildings?  
• What is needed to improve the profession?  
• What are the problems for building surveyors?  
Neal Butterworth, Director, Design Fire Consultations |
| 12:35 | 2B session | Legal requirements and critical judgment in building and fire safety | Legal requirements and critical judgment in building and fire safety  
• Changes and updates on building regulations and fire safety information  
• Effectively guiding clients through gateways and the golden thread  
• What do you need to focus on as a surveyor?  
• How should your advice be affected by the building occupancy type?  
David McCullough, Chair, RICS Fire Safety Working Group |
| 12:35 | 2C session | PAS 2035 – latest standard for retrofitting homes | • Key considerations for retrofitting older buildings and meeting the standard  
• Differences in approach before and after the standard  
• What are the risks?  
• Best practice examples  
Professor John Edwards, Director, Edwards Hart |
| 13:15 | 3A session | Effective project managing and project monitoring | • From surveying to managing and monitoring projects  
• Managing client expectations and outcomes  
Jonathan Pegg, Chartered Building Surveyor & Associate, Atkins |
| 13:15 | 3B session | Avoiding professional negligence claims | • Understanding your remit and your limitations  
• Managing expectations  
• Lessons learned from recent cases  
Nicholas Johnson, Partner, Kitsons Solicitors |
| 14:15 | 3B session | Flat roof defects and fire safety regulations | • Identifying flat roof defects and accessing risks  
• References to Flat Roofing in ADB 2019 Edition [England]  
• Regulation 7 – the ban of combustible materials  
• Guidance on Balconies  
• Guidance on Wall Flashings  
• Flat Roof Fire testing  
Nigel Blacklock, Technical Director, Bauder |

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<td>Samantha West, Commercial Director, VINCI Facilities</td>
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<td>What does successful diversity and inclusion look like in the business</td>
<td>Davina Goodchild, CEO, Lionheart</td>
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<td>The importance of championing sustainable projects</td>
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