



# Society of Operations Engineers

Supporting and celebrating achievement in engineering

Incorporating the Professional Sectors

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## Engineering Success Together

Incorporating the three Professional Sectors, IRTE (Institute of Road Transport Engineers), IPlantE (Institution of Plant Engineers) and BES (Bureau of Engineer Surveyors).

### An overview



The Society of Operations Engineers is a professional membership organisation, representing some 16,000 individuals and companies within the transport, plant and engineer surveying industries. By supporting and mentoring individual members and the wider industry, SOE encourages best practice, promotes health & safety initiatives and is committed to the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of its members.



SOE is a registered charity and firmly promotes safe, efficient and environmentally sustainable operations engineering, benefiting its membership and the public. SOE champions engineering's contribution to society and provides members with a technical events programme, CPD support, monthly magazines, a comprehensive website and technical guides.



As a licensed member of the Engineering Council, SOE can register members at all three professional registration levels - Engineering Technician (EngTech), Incorporated Engineer (IEng) and Chartered Engineer (CEng). The Society registered more EngTechs than any other institution in 2007 and 2008, as well as the most IEngs in 2008.



SOE's innovative Industry and Academic Partner schemes, with nationally recognised college and company training programmes, nurture tomorrow's engineers and offer invaluable support to business.



IRTE pioneered and operates the irtec licensing scheme, a renewable voluntary testing and assessment scheme, certifying the theoretical and practical skills of heavy goods and light commercial vehicle technicians. The scheme is fast becoming the benchmark for technician competence and is respected throughout industry.



# About us

SOE was formed in 2000 from the merger of the IRTE and IPlantE. BES became a Professional Sector in its own right in 2004. By recognising its Professional Sectors, SOE tailors benefits to members' specific areas of engineering.

## IRTE

One of the most respected names in UK transport, IRTE was founded in 1944 and is recognised as an impartial voice in the industry, encouraging high standards of excellence with an emphasis on safety in operation.

## soe IPlantE

Founded in 1946, IPlantE is the Professional Sector for engineers, technicians and those with an interest in the specification, installation, design, procurement, operation and maintenance of plant and services.

## soe BES

BES was established in 1965 as a specialist organisation for Engineer Surveyors to keep up-to-date with relevant technical information.

SOE is committed to providing public benefit and often works with other organisations, including government departments, to promote engineering. By supporting events that endorse engineering and welcoming non-members to our varied lecture programme, SOE works to secure a solid future for the industry.



The Society won the coveted Membership Development Award for membership recruitment and is recognised as an Investor in People.

# Structure

SOE is governed by a Trustee Board elected from within the membership, consisting of key engineering figures. SOE's three Professional Sectors are represented by their own Councils, who actively contribute to the direction of their sector.

SOE has a regional network in the UK and worldwide. The network of Centres and Regional Groups provide technical seminars and events.

SOE's trading arm, IRTE Services Ltd, is a partner in the Commercial Vehicle Show (CV Show) and the Commercial Vehicle Operator Show, alongside the Road Haulage Association (RHA) and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). The CV Show is one of the most important events in the transport and logistics calendar, and one of Europe's largest commercial vehicle exhibitions.

# The SOE team

SOE is staffed by a small team at a central London Head Office. With technical experts, engineering event specialists, a streamlined membership department and an in-house communications team, the entire staff body works cohesively to benefit members.



# Our members

## Engineers...

As part of SOE, the three Professional Sectors, IRTE, IPlantE and BES, assist engineers from a variety of roles, including:

- Apprentices and technicians
- Those from the light and heavy goods vehicle and bus and coach sectors
- Workshop managers, fleet engineers, transport managers and directors
- Rail engineers
- Royal Navy, Army and RAF engineers
- Building services engineers
- Health and safety professionals
- Engineer Surveyors.

## ... and professionals working in engineering

SOE also successfully represents professionals who contribute a great deal to the industry, and deserve to benefit from the opportunities membership of a professional engineering institution affords.

## Working for a brighter engineering future



The Society of Operations Engineers has a modern outlook, complemented by sound professional ethics based on decades of experience. Members are supported throughout their career and benefit from numerous professional and lifestyle services, from crucial networking opportunities to discounts on leisure activities.

Plant Engineer

Members receive post-nominal letters, two industry-respected technical journals, Transport Engineer and Plant Engineer, and free entry to technical events and seminars. The magazines provide in-depth articles on engineering news, principles and processes, giving members a unique insight into industry developments. Similarly, membership magazine Operations Engineer highlights engineering success, publishing news and features celebrating engineers.

TRANSPORT  
Engineer

SOE also publishes a variety of best practice technical guides and hosts or participates in numerous engineering events and awards.

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## Industry Partner

SOE has an established and extremely successful Industry Partner scheme, to develop a mutually beneficial relationship between companies, the Society and its members.

From SOE's unique position as a charity and professional engineering institution, Industry Partners can count on decades of experience and a vast professional resource offering practical and tailored support.

Encouraging skills development, SOE can carry out independent assessments of Industry Partners' academic training courses, in line with Engineering Council registration. Partners receive expert consultation and advice to get the best from their engineers. Such services further SOE's overall aim to promote engineering and organisations can look forward to a partnership complimenting their own business objectives.

Industry Partners benefit from high-level networking, copies of our publications, access to a Westminster meeting room and increased brand awareness through inclusion on SOE's website: as well as free advertising to over 16,000 engineering professionals.



## Academic Partner

SOE is tackling skills shortages head-on with its Academic Partner scheme.

As one of engineering's staunchest supporters of skills development, apprenticeships and training, SOE's Academic Partner scheme nurtures relationships between learning providers and industry.

SOE has partnerships in place with some of engineering's largest training providers, offering a bespoke service to add value to apprenticeship schemes and training courses.

Training and development is vital to the future of engineering. Following years of neglect, at government and industry level, engineering must now focus on its future to secure a sound and innovative skills base. SOE works tirelessly to promote engineering to the next generation of employees, supporting academic institutions in their aim to cultivate a highly skilled workforce.

Membership offers training course enhancements and professional recognition, through association with SOE's Professional Sectors. In addition, Academic Partners gain access to consultation and advice, promotional services and a great deal more.

**For further details on both the Industry Partner and Academic Partner schemes, please contact SOE's Business Development Manager on 020 7630 1111 or [soe@soe.org.uk](mailto:soe@soe.org.uk).**





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