

News Release

ANOTHER RECORD NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS FOR SCS – THIS YEAR TOPS THE 100 MARK

Chartered surveying as a chosen profession continues to grow rapidly. Yet again this year, for the fourth consecutive year, a record number of newly qualified surveyors have joined the ranks of the country's largest construction and property industry body, the Society of Chartered Surveyors (SCS).

For the first time, the numbers of newly qualified members have topped the hundred mark. This year the Society sees 107 new members from the property and construction industries qualifying, compared to 85 in 2006, 71 in the previous year and 69 in the year before that.

The increase in numbers qualifying also represents a record for the Society with the biggest ever intake in the history of the profession in Ireland, which dates back to 1895. The 107 new surveyors raise the number of qualified chartered surveyor members of the SCS in Ireland to over 1,700.

The newly qualified surveyors are not only based in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Limerick, but also work in practices around many smaller cities and towns in Ireland, reflecting a fast increasing spread of the profession. Again, there is a greater number qualifying in specialties other than quantity surveying and valuation surveying, such as building surveyors and planning & development surveyors.

They were presented with their diplomas by the Society's president Conor Hogan, director of Joseph C. Hogan & Sons Chartered Quantity Surveyors, Dublin, at a ceremony held again this year at St. Stephens Church (known as the Pepper Canister Church) on Mount Street Crescent, Dublin city.

Mr. Hogan said that it was a great occasion for the SCS in that so many had chosen yet again to enter the profession of surveying and had attained the challengingly high qualification standards. He congratulated the newly qualified members on having successfully completed the long and rigorous process of qualification, including the fulfilling of both academic and practical requirements for entry to the profession.

Three special prizes were also awarded. These were the Austin Reddy Memorial Medal (Best Student Final (4th) Year DIT Construction Economics & Management Degree Programme), which went to Daren Flanagan, and the Noel Dooley Burse (Best Student 3rd Year DIT Construction Economics & Management Degree Programme), to Aaron Devereux. The David Bailey Memorial prize (Best Student 3rd Year DIT Property Economics Degree Programme) was awarded to Erin Madden.

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Note to editors:

The Society of Chartered Surveyors, Ireland's largest construction and property industry body, represents over 1,700 qualified chartered surveyors and has a further 800 students and probationers countrywide. Members include quantity, planning & development, building, rural and other specialist surveyors, as well as general practice surveyors working in the valuation area.