

Simon French - A Profile

I am Managing Director of WHT Ltd.

Whilst serving on HMS Ark Royal in 1976, I was involved with the monitoring of intake seawater for nuclear fall out and replenishment at sea procedures, also replenishment at HMS Tamar, Hong Kong for patrol vessels giving rise to an interest in water hygiene.

In 1988, I (as Managing Director of GCS Ltd) was invited to tender for a scheme run by a local Private Hospital for the Prevention of Legionella. Upon winning the contract I attended a specialist course in Legionella control.

I was aware at that time of the emotive nature of Legionella and the public's ever increasing need for knowledge and ultimately a responsible consultant. It was with great foresight that I created the company Environment Plus to provide a water hygiene specialist service into the future.

In 1992 the ACOP* and HS (G) 70* was commissioned and from this Water Training International provided courses for City & Guilds in Cooling Towers and Water Systems.

In 1994 I qualified as a consultant/assessor and now have been responsible for over 10,000 Risk Assessments some still live and continually updated. The total number of sites up to June 07 where my original business had a responsibility for Water Hygiene was over 6,000.

In January 2001 L8* took over from the ACOP. HS(G)70 giving rise to more emphasis on training and monitoring as well as increased awareness for the requirement for Risk Assessments. This led to the creation of Water Hygiene Training Ltd which managed the activities of Training and Consulting

WHT Ltd offers seminars, consultations, auditing and training courses to help satisfy the current demand for knowledge expected of responsible persons and maintenance people including the public.

My original business was acquired by a plc company on the 18th June 2007

Having sold a multi-million pound company, from January 2008 I became TOTALY INDEPENDANT concentrating on managing my training, consultancy and auditing business named Water Hygiene Training Limited. Instrumental in creating LCA standards and member of the committee for 4 years.

August 2010 I started Eplus Global Ltd in the mainland UK as chairman and consultant to the business serving many of my previous clients and many new in Total Legionella Compliance. The new ACOP L8 was borne 2013 and the new guidance HSG 274 P1,2 &3 provided a new era of Legionella Control and becoming a distributor for Necon and other related products enhanced the business further. This grew rapidly and in April 2019 I sold the business as a going concern of 1.5 million turnover debt free and returned to my consultancy in WHT Ltd.

Now semi-retired providing certificated training and consultancy for Legionella Control as Water Hygiene Training Ltd.

* ACOP *The control of Legionellae. A Code of Practice*

* HS(G)70 *The control of Legionellosis, including Legionnaires disease Guidance Note HS(G)70.91*

* L8 *Legionnaires Disease, the control of Legionella bacteria in water systems. Approved Code of Practice and Guidance*

Qualifications & Memberships

Qualifications

CIEH Basic Health & Safety / CIEH Foundation Health & Safety / Manual Handling Safety Certificate / IOSH Safety for Senior Executives / Certificate of General Assessments in the Work Place (SSG Training & Consultants).

BS2 City & Guilds Legionella (WTI) / BS3 City & Guilds Legionella (WTI) / BS4 City & Guilds Legionella (WTI) Certificate of Teaching Standards Legionella (David Harper)

Certificate of Testing Ventilation Systems (University of Portsmouth) / Certificate of Ventilation Hygiene (Montana Corporation)

Diploma in Business Studies

Diploma with the International Health Foundation.

Memberships

Ex-Member of the HVCA <http://www.b-es.org/> (now B&ES Association)

Senior Member of the Water Management Society. <http://www.wmsoc.org.uk/>

Member of IOSH (No 115231) <http://www.ioshsouthwest.co.uk/>

Ex-Committee member of the Service Facilities Group B&ES London

Ex-Committee member of the Education Group B&ES London

Previous, four years as a committee member of the Legionella Control Association and sub groups instrumental in raising standards within the industry.

Experience

213 hours of personal development units in Legionella control

35 years experience working with water

33 years consultant for the control of Legionella

Training

Contracted to Eastwood Park and Immerse Training Ltd, tutoring for Legionella related subjects City & Guilds. Recently carried out training for Housing Trusts, Interserve, Jarvis FM, Cornwall NHS, RD&E Hospital Estates NHS, Ashton University, Southampton NHS, Ormskirk & Southport NHS and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust, Dakin, , Devon County Council, Cornwall EHO's, Health Buildings International Ireland and Northern Ireland Councils, Southern Ireland pharmaceuticals/airport/hospitals/HSE Ireland to name but a few.

Consultant

To the NHS, Leisure, Hospitality, Government, Luxury Yachts, Middle East Properties and a wide range of commercial enterprises.

Auditing

Recently carried out auditing for risk assessments, logbooks written schemes and walk through observations for a number of Northern Ireland Councils, NHS PCT organisations and housing organisations.



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