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Female engineer wins prestigious Karen Burt award

Emily Spearman CEng MEI, Senior Environmental Engineer at international consultancy Scott Wilson, has been named winner of the prestigious Karen Burt Award 2008.

This annual award, which commemorates the life of Dr Karen Burt, is presented by the Women's Engineering Society and aims to encourage more women to take up chartered status and promote the engineering, applied science and IT professions. Each year, the award is presented to a high calibre, newly-chartered female engineer who has demonstrated a commitment to the promotion of her profession. Emily was nominated for the award by the Energy Institute (EI) from which she recently gained her Chartered Energy Engineer status. Each participating institution is entitled to nominate just one candidate for the award.

The judges were impressed by Emily's involvement in promoting the profession both at work and in her own time. She says, 'I am delighted to be presented such a prestigious award. I look forward to the challenge of leading the advancement of responsible engineering, whilst encouraging other females to enter into and have successful careers in engineering.'

Sarah Beacock FEI, Professional Affairs Director, Energy Institute, adds, 'Well qualified engineers are vital in developing practical solutions to future energy challenges. The EI is committed to supporting those working in energy to deliver good practice and professionalism, while promoting diversity within the workforce to tackle the skills shortage currently facing the industry. Emily's contribution has been outstanding, raising awareness of the role of engineering to future generations and encouraging new recruits to the energy industry.'

Emily started work at Scott Wilson in July 2006. She was the first engineer to join the environment and planning team in London and provide a practical engineering perspective to work in the oil and gas sector. Since then, she has been involved in a number of major projects, including the Dibamba Emergency Power Station Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in Cameroon, where through her expertise she was able to change the engineering design to benefit the local people and wider environment.

In addition, Emily sits on the EI's Professional Affairs Committee, is a Board Member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and chairs their Continuing Education Committee. She is also an active member of Women in Mining.

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