

# Measurement & Instrumentation Group

## Founder member steps down after 27 years

By John Shelton, M&I Group Chair

The M&I Group AGM in December saw the retirement of Martin Armstrong from the committee. Martin was one of the original members when the committee was founded in 1995, and since then he has authored several papers in the Instrumentation Corner series, as well as providing invaluable input to the group's activities. His past employment with the likes of Ling Dynamics and Bruel & Kjaer made him the go-to person for all matters vibration, and he kept members up to date on standardisation matters in human and ground vibration measurement, at a time when BS6472, ISO8041, ISO16063 and other standards went through sometimes major revision.

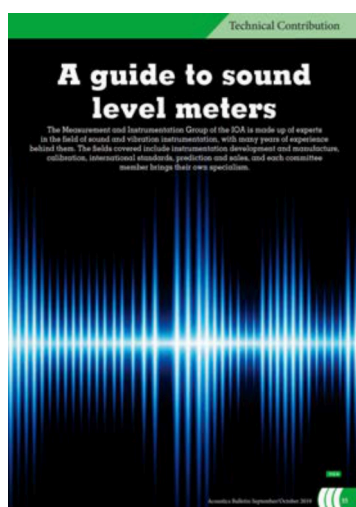
Martin would refer to this as his second retirement, as he officially retired from B&K many years ago, and has been an active member of the IOA Retired Members Group.

To commemorate his retirement, he was presented at the AGM with a mounted B&K 2635 charge amplifier and plaque, and he certainly would have sold many of these fine amplifiers during his career.

We wish him enjoyment in his retirement, probably somewhere in the south of France, but we will surely stay in touch.



Above: (L-R) John Shelton with Martin Armstrong, who has retired from the M&I Group committee after 27 years



Above: M&I Group sharing the benefits of good measurement practices

## Instrumentation Corner articles now available on the website

Since 2009, the M&I Group committee has been collectively writing a series of articles for Acoustics Bulletin, under the Instrumentation Corner banner. These have covered such topics as ground vibration, calibration, statistics in 1/3 octaves, Leq time intervals, smart cities and many more related instrumentation issues.

This series of some 82 articles has been available on the members' pages of the IOA website, but now we're pleased to have them available on the public-facing part of the site, so the benefits of good measurement practices are available to all.

One key document is the Guide to Sound Level Meters, co-authored by some of the leading UK authorities in sound level meter design and standardisation, and is a handbook for those who need to be sure their meter is up to snuff.

If you haven't yet had a browse, you can find them at <https://tinyurl.com/bdedkm55> and we will continue to update as new subjects and technologies arise.

If there is a topic you would like covered, please get in touch via the website. ☺