

Wet 10 Lecture in the Guildhall

Thursday 21st March 2019

The WET 10 group of livery companies comprises those companies whose Members are either producers or users of water. The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators takes responsibility for the management of this group and organising an annual lecture or debate.

With an ever-increasing awareness of the impact of plastics on the water and marine environments, the WET 10 lecture this year focused on the harm that society's reliance on plastic is causing to these environments.

Sheriff the Hon Liz Green and the Master, Simon Catford

The very well attended event (110 people from other livery companies, academia, regulators and our own Members) in the Guildhall Members Club was opened by Sheriff the Hon Liz Green and following a welcome from the Master, Simon Catford, the presentations got underway.

Professor Richard Thompson OBE



The first, entitled “Marine Litter”, was given by Professor Richard Thompson OBE (Professor of Marine Biology at Plymouth University). The second was given by Dr Lynette Dollar (Principal Sustainability Consultant at Stantec) and entitled “Plastic: Advantages vs Disadvantages”.



Dr Lynette Dollar

Both presentations were well received and provided a balanced view between the benefits to society from using plastic and the difficulties in managing “end of life” disposal and recycling. These very topical presentations were followed by a lively Q & A session from the floor, very ably managed by the Master.

The discussions continued over an enjoyable wine and canape reception.

During the event, opportunity was also taken to present Emily Catford from Macquarie Group Limited with a certificate, as the latest employer recruit to the City of London “Plastic Free City” campaign.



Emily Catford of Macquarie Group Limited with a City of London's "Plastic Free City" certificate.

A very successful event.

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Keith Tozzi, Past Master