

New Chairman and Secretary of ETCI TC2

The Electro-Technical Council of Ireland (ETCI) is pleased to announce that Mr Dick O'Rourke has been appointed Chairman of ETCI TC2 and will be joined by Dr Keith Sunderland as Secretary.

Dick O'Rourke has extensive experience of the activities of TC2 which includes the preparation of National Wiring Rules, Codes of Practice and Guides dealing with electrical installations up to 1000V. As a former lecturer at Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), and in his previous career at ESB, he brings a wealth of experience to the post. He is well known to the electrical industry as he is one of the main contributors to ETCI's technical training programme.

Dr Sunderland has been a member of TC2 for six years and is currently Assistant Head of School within the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at DIT. He manages the discipline of Electrical Services Engineering, which is central to the work of TC2. A major undertaking for the committee will be the preparation of the forthcoming 5th Edition of the ET101 Wiring Rules.

ETCI TC2 - Electrical Installations

The scope of TC2 includes the preparation of National Wiring Rules Codes of Practice and Guides dealing with electrical installations up to 1000V, and interpretation of the Rules when requested.

The National Rules are the definitive source for wiring standards in Ireland and draw upon best practice from across the world. The National Rules are recognised in common law as the state of the art and are recognised by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) as a means of complying with the Electricity Regulations. Similarly, ET101 is cited in the Building Regulations as the electrical installation wiring standards required in order to comply with the statutory requirements. They have also formally been recognised by the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) as the technical rules to be observed by registered electrical contractors.

The National Rules are prepared in consultation with the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government (DOECLG), the HSA and with industry and other stakeholders. A vital part of the work of TC2 is establishing national consensus amongst the various interests involved. TC2 has also been a major participant in and contributor to CENELEC and IEC standardisation for many years and has built up an excellent reputation for the Irish committee amongst its peers.

John McAuley, Chairman of ETCI, expressed his gratitude to the previous Chairman and Secretary of TC2 Mr Jim Keogh and Mr Alex Reilly for their many years of exemplary service, in particular, to ETCI TC2 and to ETCI in general and wished them well in their retirement.