

us all and it can be time consuming culling all that is required. However the worst part is finding where to find it - this problem will largely be a thing of the past as the Sourcebook really does make that time consuming part so easy.

Although the book can be criticised for omissions (ARA Conference Services is not shown as organiser) and the brevity of some entries, it is a most valuable book which I feel will be in constant use in my office and in others who need a range of information going beyond the traditional little black book. I am looking forward to the second edition which I am sure will prove to be the magic whisky bottle which will then be at least three quarter full!

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2. WHO'S WHO IN WORLD INSURANCE

Longman £35

Having got over the shock and disappointment in not finding my name listed in this year's Who's Who In World Insurance, I started playing my usual game to find who else was missing. I quickly became bored as either there are many or I know (or do not know) the wrong people.

Putting together some 3,421 names and details in a herculean task but that having been said I found myself wondering why this particular volume had been published.

Who should or should not be included can be debated but what do we know of those who are included? Their name, current appointment, current employer, business address and telephone. A very small proportion have qualifications or possibly we should say have qualifications shown. Even fewer show against "date of birth" information like "born 1932", some have "public appointments" although it is surprising to see DCL being shown as one.

In addition to the alphabetical index there are two others, company and geographical. The former shows the names of all companies which employ a listed person, and lists these names under that heading. The geographical index is by country where individuals work. It also tells us that it does not include in that section "references to personnel's nationality or place of birth". The strange thing is I could not find reference to this information in the other sections either.

Apart from listing names and addresses the book does little. It gives no real information on the individuals and it does not say the date at which it was compiled.

I noticed mistakes which do of course erode confidence in the remaining information, for example it advertises the Insurance Sourcebook at £38 although its published price is £35.

Michael Cohen

3. CONSTRUCTION INSURANCE AND UK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. By Marshall Levine and Jeremy Wood [Lloyds of London Press Limited 335pp]

This book is a collaboration between a construction lawyer and an insurance lawyer both partners at Linklaters & Paines. It is intended as a practical reference book aimed at architects, quantity surveyors, project managers, clients, contractors and lawyers advising insurers. It is intended to cover in a broad way the interaction between construction and insurance.

This new work is a distillation of the joint authors' years of experience with particular reference to some of the most interesting and substantial construction projects to have been carried out in the U.K. in recent years. The authors examine the insurance implications of such major UK construction projects as the Channel Tunnel, Canary Wharf and the Docklands Light Railway. The book is well organised, lucid and easy to use.

The early chapters of the book act as an introduction to building and civil engineering contracts as well as I Chem and I Mech/IEE standard forms. The general rules and principles of insurance are set out in Chapter 2 with clarity and brevity. The chapter includes a description of the way in which insurance is placed and claims dealt with and the salient features of insurance.

A major feature of this book is an extremely and careful analysis of a number of construction projects; giving the insurance arrangements entered into and the particular points of interest identified in each scheme. The background information perhaps not strictly relevant to many of its readers gives a fascinating insight into the background to each construction project and the complexities of the policies themselves and the cover obtained.

The next Section of the book deals with the insurance provisions contained in the majority of the most commonly used building contracts including those published by the Joint Contracts Tribunal; 1980 Edition, JCT 1981 Design and Build Contract and