



**BILFINGER**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

---

## **Bilfinger Salamis UK Host ICOP 2019**

Bilfinger Salamis UK hosted delegates from entities across the Bilfinger Northwest Europe region at the recent ICOP 2019 conference in Aberdeen. Held on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, ICOP, which stands for Innovation Forum and Community of Best Practice, provides an opportunity for representatives from various Bilfinger entities to share, learn and innovate.

Delegates, who were welcomed to the historic Norwood Hall Hotel for the two day event, were first given an opportunity to meet with some of Bilfinger Salamis UK's most innovative suppliers. From cutting edge inspection techniques to next generation insulation solutions, delegates received demonstrations from suppliers and an understanding of how this could be applied in their own entity.

Delegates then received a series of presentations detailing regional plans and objectives, digital initiatives, the Bilfinger Maintenance Concept and a keynote address from idea-focussed motivational speaker Dave Birss.

Dave Birss discussed the importance of the evolution of ideas, rather than revolution, in keeping pace with industry. He also detailed methods to produce good ideas, and debunked the common misconception that some people are creative and others are not.

Regional HSEQ Director Graham Moore, who was instrumental in organising ICOP 2019, commented: "Dave Birss shared his innovative approach, presenting new methodologies, frameworks and practical exercises to encourage good ideas. His inspiring words were exactly what was needed to drive the innovation we seek, both during the event and I am confident going forward across the region."

A packed schedule also saw attendees break into two workshops. One discussed scaffolding and demonstrated the ingenious Scaffolding App developed by the team at Bilfinger Digital Next, and the other focussed on specialist coatings.

At the beginning of the second day, delegates attended the Oil and Gas Technology Centre. An innovation hub set up in response to the industry downturn, leaders at the OGTC discussed support and initiatives implemented to boost oil and gas, and the success this has delivered.

These included digital solutions and fostering entrepreneurship. Although not directly relevant to the industries of all entities, the impact the OGTC has made and the methods used provided food for thought for all.

Further workshops focussed on insulation, rope access and design and engineering. Delegates chose which they would like to attend, with a technical authority lead discussion delivered in the rope access workshop, supplier demonstration showcasing innovation in the insulation workshop and the design and engineering workshop provided an opportunity to welcome Bilfinger Tebodin to the region, and discuss the digital solutions they utilise.

Graham Moore added: "I am grateful to all of the delegates who travelled from across Europe to attend ICOP 2019. It is hugely valuable to take time to share ideas and develop innovations, and I look forward to seeing some of the initiatives discussed at the event become a reality over the next year."

---

Bilfinger is a leading international industrial services provider. The Group enhances the efficiency of assets, ensures a high level of availability and reduces maintenance costs. The portfolio covers the entire value chain from consulting, engineering, manufacturing, assembly, maintenance, plant expansion as well as turnarounds and also includes environmental technologies and digital applications.

The company delivers its services in two business segments: Engineering and Technologies and Maintenance, Modifications & Operations. Bilfinger is primarily active in the regions Continental Europe, Northwest Europe, North America and the Middle East. Process industry customers come from sectors that include chemicals & petrochem, energy & utilities, oil & gas, pharma & biopharma, metallurgy and cement. With its 36,000 employees, Bilfinger upholds the highest standards of safety and quality and generated revenue of €4.044 billion in financial year 2017.

You can find additional information, photographs and videos at

