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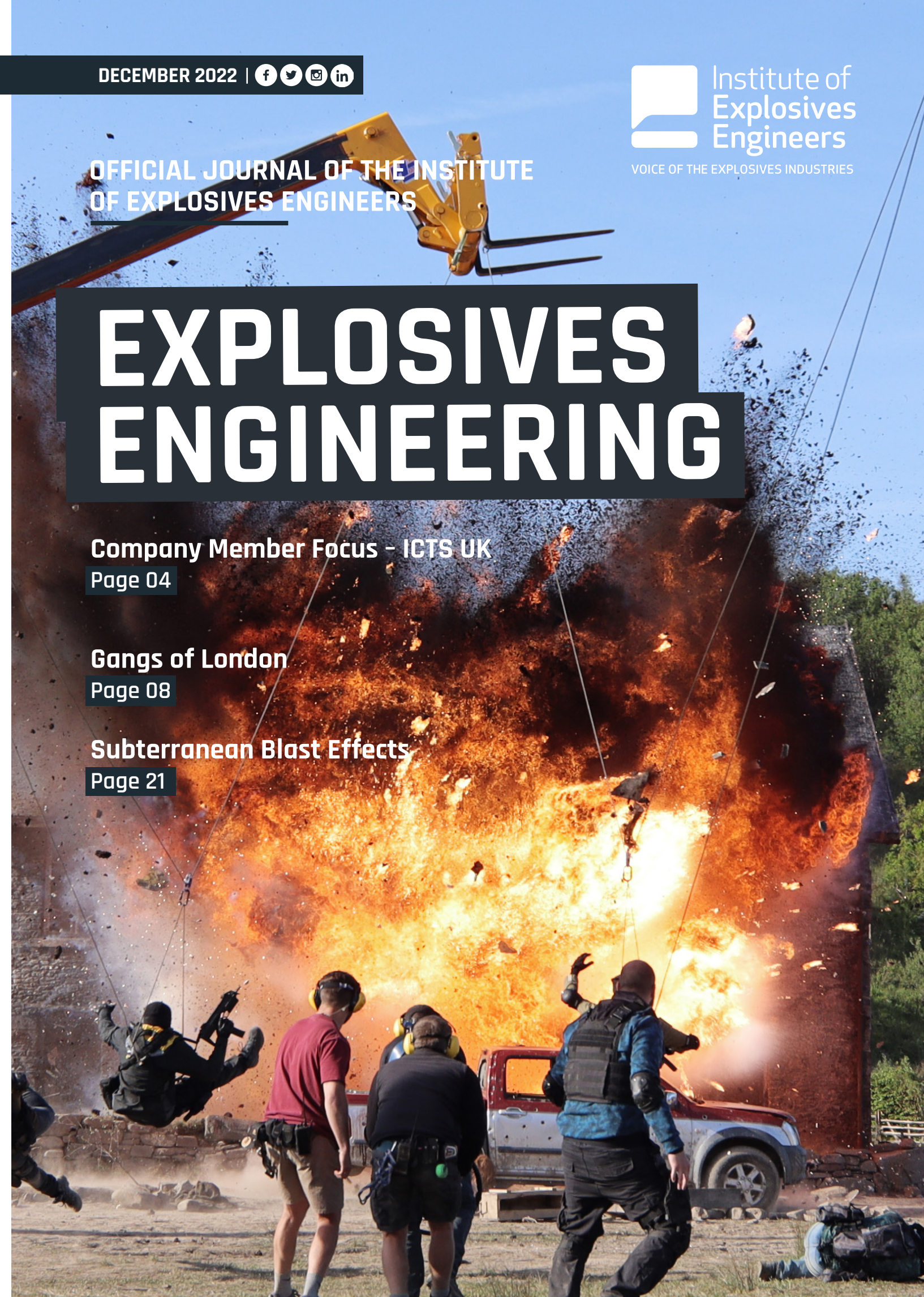
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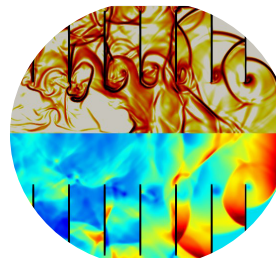
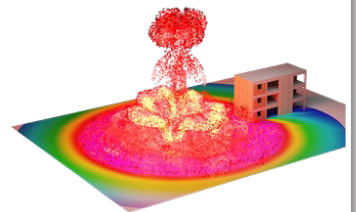
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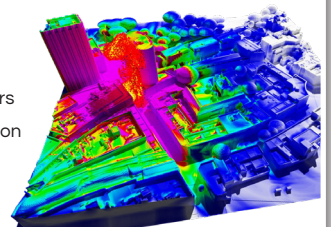
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End of Year Message

From the President

I am writing to you all as we fast approach the end of 2022, a year that we had all hoped would bring some much-needed respite from the difficult times that we all experienced during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whilst Covid is still with us, it appears that in general we are becoming better able to cope with it, although it remains a concern to many and there are those living with long term impacts upon their lives.

The Invasion of Ukraine is a new challenge, watching the horrific consequences of war on the borders of Europe. My thanks go out to all our members who have provided much needed support to Ukraine.

The most significant event this year was the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her seventieth Jubilee anniversary year. Her loss marks the end of an era and the beginning of another under the reign of King Charles III.

The cost of living is rising daily, and the Institute is working hard to ensure that we focus on the value of membership and services across the sector.

My goal as President to increase training opportunities and qualifications across the sector continues, with continuing effort to support apprenticeships, vocational training and qualifications.

We continue to work with organisations to grow the portfolio and ensure that high standards are maintained. Membership numbers are growing steadily with many choosing our technical member route - it's fantastic to see early career explosives engineers and those new to the sector choosing to support us and become part of the wider explosives community.

I recently hosted our Fellows and Past Presidents at what will be an annual event, the "Dynamite Dinner". This was a great opportunity to discuss key areas of interest, particularly how we better engage with and support those at the start of their careers, and how we can better engage with the Fellows themselves. I strongly encourage anyone eligible to attend to put this into the calendar next year as I know all of us able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Professional registrations continue to rise, demonstrating the competence and professionalism of our membership. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone supporting this process and assure you that your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. I'd like to extend a plea to all of our professional registrants to help to support as a few volunteers would have a huge impact.

I'm pleased to announce that we are preparing for another members' weekend in 2023 and hope that I get to see many members and partners at this event. The last one was held before COVID and was a huge success and I'm regularly asked when we'll be back.

Fulmination will be back, bigger and better! We've listened to feedback from attendees and are planning an amazing event next year, sharing knowledge and good practice, celebrating success, and providing opportunities to learn something new and catch up with friends and colleagues.

I hope that all our members and loved ones can take a break, refresh, relax and have a safe and enjoyable festive period.

**Eur. Ing Andrew Carr C.Eng, FIMMM, MIExpE, MRI, ARSM
IExpE President**



EFEE Conference Report

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IExpE President

I was delighted to be able to attend the 11th EFEE World Conference in Maastricht earlier this year, the first time that I had been able to attend this particular event, and finally a chance to attend a dedicated explosives conference since my COVID enforced absence from our own event, Fulmination just previously!

My first engagement was with the EFEE Board, where the Institute represents the UK as its National body.

We had an engaging series of discussions, showing the dedication of everyone involved in improving safety and creating an engaging environment for the community to share good practice.



Entrance to the EFEE World Conference on Explosives and Blasting



Welcome to Maastricht and Europe

Following that, I had some time to explore Maastricht itself, a cosmopolitan city on the banks of the Maas river, where I had a delightful sunny walk, followed by some well-deserved (or at least I think so) Dutch beer.

The conference began the next day at the Maastricht Conference Centre, a short walk away with an introduction from EFEE President, Viive Tuuna and ISEE Vice President, Janeen Smith.

The whole event was buzzing with enthusiasm, lots of international attendees, with an exhibition area, demonstration stage and parallel conference proceedings.

As a self-confessed member of the Defence community, this was a great opportunity to understand more about the commercial activities that our members undertake, particularly around shotfiring and demolition operations.



A view along the Maas river

At the end of the first day, we were all bussed to a nearby chateau for an informal Gala dinner in the garden, with live entertainment and nearly 8 minutes of fireworks set to music.

Like the IExpE, EFEE had a number of early careers attendees with 38 Students attending from across Europe. The party went on into the night.

The conference continued on the 2nd day with a full programme of presentations. In addition, I was able to discuss a number of activities and potential engagements with our partners from EFEE, ISEE and the Institute of Quarrying.

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