

Date	13 – 16 May, 2003	 BLRS British Land Reclamation Society
Event	Seventh International Conference of the International Affiliation of Land Reclamationists.	
Theme	Land Reclamation. Extending the boundaries	
<p>Commentary</p> <p>Major programmes of land reclamation, aimed at providing new uses for previously developed land, were pursued in the United Kingdom and in other industrialised countries around the world throughout the latter part of the 20th Century. Such programmes have formed the first critical step in the regeneration process and have been driven largely by the public sector funding and management.</p> <p>Over recent years, there has been a noticeable shift in emphasis of public sector funding for regeneration away from the large scale physical changes which reclamation sought to achieve. Yet, at the same time, problem sites still remain in significant numbers and there has been a politically driven emphasis on the reuse of previously developed land (so called ‘brownfield sites’) for new development. The consequence has been the necessity to involve a wider range of stakeholders – from public, private and voluntary sectors – in the successful delivery of reclamation and regeneration.</p> <p>Sustainability of both the process and the outcomes as been an ever present guiding principle for all stakeholders. This theme provided the focus for the last International Land Reclamation Conference held in the UK (Nottingham 1998). The messages from that event – notably the essential need for a thorough analysis of the land resource and multidisciplinary working – remain the fundamental principles of good practice. The additional themes emerging in the 21st Century encompass the need for robust and innovative approaches to the assessment and delivery process.</p>		

Photos



View of the Blaneau hillside which has been re-profiled following mining settlement



View of natural revegetation of a massive slag heap

Presentations

51 papers were presented during the conference. These have been compiled into a book, the proceedings for the conference. ISBN reference. 90 5809 562 2

Venue	The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn. Merseyside.
Location	
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