



**Ken Cribbin takes over as President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors
Tuesday 12th May 2009**

'Rising unemployment a catastrophe for the profession'

Tuesday 12th May. The new President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ken Cribbin has described the unemployment situation facing surveyors as a catastrophe for the profession.

In his address to the AGM of the SCS, Cribbin said more than 50% of graduate surveyors and over 14% of Chartered Surveyors were set to lose their jobs. Cribbin gave details of several new schemes aimed at helping those facing unemployment.

These include the establishment of a database of members who are available for short term/contract work as well as a 'Hot Desk' facility at the SCS headquarters which would allow members access to IT facilities, work space and a meeting area if required. The Society is also exploring the establishment of a scheme which encourages the retention of employees.

"We need to ensure that those members who have been made redundant stay '**connected**' with their profession, stay '**connected**' with their professional body, and are afforded every reasonable assistance that we can muster." Cribbin said.

Cribbin also outlined the SCS's views on a range of issues, particularly government policy, as well as the setting up recently of a joint working party with IAVI to examine the possibility of setting up a single professional body for the property and construction sector.

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