

## Simon French - A Profile

Simon French is Managing Director of WHT Ltd and GCS Ltd.

Whilst serving on HMS Ark Royal in 1976, he was involved with the monitoring of intake seawater for nuclear fall out and replenishment at sea procedures, also replenishment at HMS Tamar, Hong Kong for patrol vessels giving rise to an interest in water hygiene.

In 1988, Mr French, as Managing Director of GCS Ltd, was invited to tender for a scheme run by a local Private Hospital for the Prevention of Legionella. Upon winning the contract, which is still in force to this day, he attended a specialist course in Legionella prevention.

Mr French was aware at that time of the emotive nature of Legionella and the public's ever increasing need for knowledge and ultimately a responsible consultant. It was with great foresight that the company Environment Plus was born to provide a water hygiene specialist service into the future.

In 1992 the ACOP\* and HS (G) 70\* was commissioned and from this Water Training International (now called Develop) provided courses for City & Guilds in Cooling Towers and Water Systems.

In 1994, Simon French passed these Exams and had over 2000 Risk Assessments live and continually updated and the total number of sites where Environment Plus (UK) Ltd had a responsibility for Water Hygiene was over 4000 up until June 07 of the sale of the business.

Due to increasing sales and a large expansion program despite a recession, Environment Plus became a private limited company in the year 2000 working nationwide.

In January 2001 L8\* took over from the ACOP. HS(G)70 giving rise to more emphasis on training and monitoring as well as increased awareness for the requirement for Risk Assessments. This gave rise to the creation of Water Hygiene Training Ltd which manages the activities of Training and Consulting

Environment Plus (UK) Ltd was acquired by Connaught Compliance Ltd Water Hygiene on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Simon French then became for six months General Manager/ Consultant and Trainer to Connaught Water Hygiene. The acquisition of two other businesses by October 07 enabled the opportunity to provide full national coverage throughout the UK. Simon French handed over the post of General Manager at the end of November 07 and now concentrates on managing his training, consultancy and auditing business named Water Hygiene Training Limited,

Simon French, tutored, trained and continually updated including refresher training by David Harper HND Eng Tech. MIHEEM FWM Soc. MIP MASSE AMIIE (a very respected and learned colleague actively involved in all aspects of Legionella including legal data for prosecutions), now offers seminars, consultations and training courses to help satisfy the current demand for knowledge expected of responsible persons and maintenance people.

\* ACOP *The control of Legionellae. A Code of Practice*

\* HS(G)70 *The control of Legionellosis, including Legionnaires disease Guidance Note HS(G)70.91*

\* L8 *Legionnaires Disease, the control of Legionella bacteria in water systems. Approved Code of Practice and Guidance.*

## Qualifications & Memberships

### Qualifications

CIEH Basic Health & Safety / CIEH Foundation Health & Safety / Manual Handling Safety Certificate / IOSH Safety for Senior Executives / Certificate of General Assessments in the Work Place (SSG Training & Consultants).

BS2 City & Guilds Legionella (WTI) / BS3 City & Guilds Legionella (WTI) / BS4 City & Guilds Legionella (WTI) Certificate of Teaching Standards Legionella ( David Harper)

Certificate of Testing Ventilation Systems (University of Portsmouth) / Certificate of Ventilation Hygiene (Montana Corporation)

Diploma in Business Studies

Diploma with the International Health Foundation.

### Memberships

Water Management Society. / Member and on the committee of the Legionella Control Association / HVCA Regional Branch South West and Service Facilities Group London

Member of the Institute for Learning (No AC 014754) [www.ifl.ac.uk](http://www.ifl.ac.uk)

Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) No 115231

### Experience

197 Hours of personal development units in legionella control

30 years experience working with water

20 years consultant for The Control of Legionella

Contracted to Eastwood Park, tutoring for Legionella related subjects. Recently carried out training for Interserve, Jarvis FM, Cornwall NHS, RD&E Hospital Estates NHS, Ashton University, Southampton NHS, Ormskirk & Southport NHS and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust, Dakin, Cornwall College, Devon County Council, Cornwall EHO's, QES, Connaught, Healthy Buildings International, Various Housing Trusts to name but a few.



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