

Chairs introduction

The [Thermal Power Committee](#) (TPC), is a technical activities committee of the Power Industries Division Board, along with the [renewables](#) and [nuclear](#) power committees.

I look forward to continuing to work with the committee on the excellent programme of upcoming activities and beyond. I would like to

- Increase engagement with the wider membership
- Participate in more collaboration opportunities with Hong Kong branch, other [Divisions and Groups](#), chapters across IMechE and other institutions.
- Continue to engage in activities to highlight issues/seek solutions by working with the wider community and our engineering policy team.

The TPC meets in March, July and November each year, normally two meetings are held online and one meeting is hosted at regional industrial sites. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any suggestions, or if you are able to host us and potentially provide a tour.

In this newsletter, we'll look at upcoming activities for 2026, and what is in store for 2027.

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Thermal Power Committee Chair

UK Power Sector - Skills Survey

The TPC has been collaborating with the IM on the impact of skills shortages, which we believe is an important area to understand. Further developments on this will follow in 2026.

Reviewing our Terms of Reference and Objectives

We are currently in process of drafting future looking Terms of Reference / Objectives. That is TPC's current role and how it should evolve considering changes in the industry. Any feedback is welcome to membernets@imeche.org

Steam Turbine and Generator User Group 2026

10 - 11 March 2026, Manchester

The IMECHE held the annual Steam Turbine and Generator User Group on the 10th and 11th of March 2026. Considered to be THE forum for engineers and professionals to meet, network and learn from the shared experience of the Steam Turbine and Generator community. With approximately 240 attendees present across the two days made the event one of the most popular conferences on the IMECHE calendar. If you are involved in the operation, design, maintenance, service or upgrading of steam turbine or generator assets, it is not to be missed in 2027.

Heat Recovery Steam Generation User Group

04 - 05 November 2026, Hinckley, Midlands

The IMechE HRSG User Group brings together engineers, operators, and industry specialists with a shared interest in heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) technology. Led by the Institution's Thermal Power Committee, it is designed specifically to support all end-users by sharing updated guidance, insights from projects, lessons learned, and provide networking opportunities for professionals involved in the design, operation, and maintenance of HRSG systems.

International Collaboration

We are working with our committee member Wing-Hay Tsang, also on [IMechE Hong Kong Branch](#), to promote their events to the wider membership, to put on webinars and be present representing the TPC. See the programme here [Mechanical Engineering events - Hong Kong Branch - Institution of Mechanical Engineers](#)

Going into 2027:

- Steam Turbine and Generator User Group 2027
- Boiler User Group 2027

Getting Involved

If you've got an idea for a TPC event or activity, would like to speak at a TPC event in 2026, want to host a meeting of the TPC, or just want to get involved in TPC more generally, please don't hesitate to contact us or post a message on our LinkedIn page.

Webpage: <https://www.imeche.org/industry-sectors/power-energy/power-industries-division-how-we-are-governed/thermal-power-committee>

LinkedIn Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4679436/>

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If you'd like to join the TPC, CVs are accepted for membership and are considered and voted on throughout the year. We will normally also ask for a covering note explaining why you want to join, what you will bring and what initiatives related to thermal power you would be interested in leading on.

New member applications are welcome to cover our missing expertise areas on: OEMs, EPC Contractors, Turnkey Suppliers of next-generation technology, Alternative Fuels or Alternative Thermal Cycles, CCS / CCUS, Trigeneration, CHP, Heat Networks, Process Heat Recovery, and ORC.

Final Words

As you can see, there is lots going on in the thermal power industry and the TPC. I am really excited for the year to come and hope to see the TPC growing in outreach and extending our network.

Please keep in touch, let us know what activities you would like to see the Thermal Power Committee put on for you and any industry concerns.

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