Caledonian College launches student chapter of CIOB

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — Caledonian College of Engineering, Oman (CCEO), recently initiated the student chapter of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). The CIOB is a body which represents professionals in the construction industry such as architects, planners, designers and surveyors.

With its regional headquarters for the Middle East in Dubai, the CIOB has over 40,000 members in over 100 countries worldwide. Members are drawn from a wide range of disciplines within the Built Environment (formerly civil engineering) which includes clients, consultants and contractors as well specialists in regulation, educators and students.

As a part of the activities of the student chapter, a seminar was organised on the topic *Projects-A Brief Overview* by Sherry Abraham, Senior PCS Manager, Bovis Lend Lease, Muscat at the college premises recently.

In his presentation Abraham emphasised that there was a need to change from traditional contracting systems to the latest contracting systems such as NEC Contract and multistage contract system. He also explained the line of command and the role of engineers under different forms of contracting systems like ICE, JCT 98.

The student chapter plans to organise more activities in future including quizzes, technical paper presentations on selected themes, exhibition of project work, design competitions and visits to construction sites. Dr Dinesh Krishna and Prof S SRao, Faculty of the Department of Built and Natural Environment CCEO, are members of the CIOB and the staff advisers for the student chapter.

CIOB members enjoy a lot of privileges, for instance, access to local events and activities arranged through their CIOB regional office, and access to publications, namely: *Construction Manager*, *Contact, Construction Information Quarterly (CIQ)*, iCON etc. Members also have access to the CIOB’s library which hosts the UK’s largest collection of construction-related material including over 15,000 publications, videos, cassettes and research facilities.