

Scottish Young Master Printers' Group: the first 50 years

In December 1927, the Executive Board of the Scottish Alliance asked a committee to consider the desirability of arranging a Young Master Printers' conference in Scotland. Conferences for sons of Master Printers and those training for important administrative positions in the industry had already been held in various parts of England. The first of these was in September 1925 at Old Jordans Hostel, near Beaconsfield, in Buckinghamshire, and was attended by Eric K. Grieve of William Grieve & Son, Dumfries. The first Scottish Young Master Printers' Conference was held at the Alexandria Hotel, St Andrews, from Friday 4 May, to Monday 7 May 1928. The conference was opened by the Scottish Alliance President, Mr John Wylie, who acted as Chairman and Eric K. Grieve was elected Deputy Chairman.

At the Scottish Alliance Executive Board Meeting in June 1928, it was agreed that Scottish YMP Conferences should be held annually and that Young Master Printers' Groups should be developed locally in the different districts. In September 1931, the Master Printers' Federation Council in London agreed that a standing YMP Council should be set up. The first National Chairman was Edmund Arnold of Leeds with Peter J. W. Kilpatrick of T. & A. Constable Ltd., Edinburgh, as Vice-Chairman.

The first Summer School for Young Master Printers was held at the Buchanan Hotel in Edinburgh in 1934, when over 50 Young Master Printers attended for a period of four weeks. The programme was serious and sustained, the 'Father' of the School, Alex Calder, was congratulated for making the School so successful, and for accidentally leaving the French windows unbolted until midnight each night!

No YMP conferences were held from 1937 to 1946 and the first conference after the war was held at Dunblane Hydro in April 1947.

The 25th Anniversary Dinner was held at Pitlochry on 10 October 1953 during the annual conference. Twenty three former YMPs and twenty seven current YMPs attended. The guest speaker at the dinner was Miss Beatrice Warde of the Monotype Corporation Ltd., London.

In the 1970s, two further YMP Groups were formed in Scotland: Perth/Dundee YMP Group (1971) which later changed its name to the Tayside YMP Group; and the Aberdeen YMP Group (1976).

Scottish YMP Conferences

	Chair
1928 St Andrews	E. K. Grieve
1929 Turnberry	J. Gilchrist Johnston
1931 Kenmore	E. Annandale
1932 Kenmore	E. Annandale
1933 Turnberry	E. Annandale
1935 Turnberry	E. Annandale
1936 Turnberry	P. J. W. Kilpatrick
1947 Dunblane	Wm. McLellan
1948 Dunblane	I. W. S. Wilson
1949 Dunblane	N. D. MacLehose
1950 Pitlochry	W. A. Heath
1951 Pitlochry	W. B. Dickson
1952 North Berwick	J. Murdoch
1953 Pitlochry	A. K. Waterston
1954 Braemar	H. M. R. Watt
1955 Portpatrick	W. F. Cairns Smith
1956 Pitlochry	J. R. Campling
1958 North Berwick	T. R. Ballard
1959 North Berwick	L. S. Dickson
1960 Troon	H. R. Trotter
1961 St Andrews	R. G. Bartholomew
1962 Oban	S. M. Easton
1963 Elie	J. R. Richards
1964 Braemar	W. G. Fleming
1966 Gatehouse of Fleet	D. J. A. Shaw
1967 Bridge of Allan	K. F. Stevenson
1968 North Berwick	I. L. Badenoch
1969 Gatehouse of Fleet	J. Cameron
1970 Elie	E. W. Deane
1971 Rothesay	D. McCormick
1972 Peebles	J. McGee
1973 Aviemore	A. St C. Wilson
1974 Pitlochry	H. G. R. Milne
1975 Gatehouse of Fleet	D. J. Henderson
1976 North Berwick	J. W. H. Collins
1977 Bowness on Windermere	H. B. Clegg
1978 Aviemore	R. MacMillan

Present at the 50th anniversary dinner

Guests and staff:

W Barrie Abbott, SMPS
S Budd, Scottish EEC Representative
J W Dawson, National YMP Chairman
D Doyle, Doyle Photosetting Ltd.
J C Keppie, SMPS
G W Llewellyn, SMPS
T Lorimer, SMPS
R Thomson, President SMPS

Former YMPs:

Badenoch, J. L.	Morrison and Gibb Ltd.
Baillie, F.	SUN Ltd.
Ballard, T. R.	Wm. Collins, Sons & Co. Ltd.
Bartholomew, R. G.	John Bartholomew & Son Ltd.
Cameron, ~.	Wm. Collins, Sons & Co. Ltd.
Campling, J. R.	Oxford University Press
Christie, I.	SUN Ltd.
Cunningham, D. A. B.	John Bartholomew & Son Ltd.
Davidson, W.	K. & R. Davidson Ltd.
Deane, E. W. Geo.	Stewart & Co. Ltd.
Dickson, W. B.	Harveys Ltd.
Dinwiddie, N. A. W.	Robert Dinwiddie & Co. Ltd.
Downes, W. J.	Wm. Collins, Sons & Co. Ltd.
Dubrey, K. G.	Scottish Studios & Engravers Ltd.
Easton, S. M.	Richard Clay Ltd.
Fleming, W. G.	Lancaster Press Ltd.
Foulis, A. D.	Hunter & Foulis Ltd.
Graham, L. W.	Hunter & Foulis Ltd.
Gray, J.	McQueen Printers Ltd.
Grieve, E. K.	Grieve the Printers Ltd.
Heath, W. A.	Kynoch Press Ltd.
Fraser Hopewell, D.	Typesetting Services Ltd.
Home, F. D.	Geo. Stewart & Co. Ltd.
Inries, G. L.	J. & G. Innes Ltd.
Laird, I. A.	Lairds Packaging
McAulay, C. I.	Inglis Paul Ltd.
McAulay, I. D.	Holmes McDougall Ltd.
McCormack, J. A.	Mackenzie & Storrie Ltd.
McCormick, A.	John McCormick & Co. Ltd.
McCormick, D.	John McCormick & Co. Ltd.
McGee, J.	Geo. Stewart & Co. Ltd.
McGregor, D. J.	Mitchell & Moreland Ltd.
McNab, H.	John Cossar Ltd.
Main, P. D.	Allen Lithographic Co. Ltd.
Maxwell, B.	R. & R. Clark Ltd.
Murray, J. G.	Scottish Studios & Engravers Ltd.
Osborne, J. S.	T. & A. Constable Ltd.
Richards, J. K.	David Watt & Sons Ltd.
Simpson, C. D. C.	Simpson Label Co. Ltd.

Sivewright, W. A. W.
Smith, W. F. Calms
Stanger, A.
Todd, W. M.
Trotter, H.
Waterston, A. K.
Watt, H. M. R.
White, Campbell

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Smith Bros. (Kilmarnock, Ltd.)
Typesetting Services Ltd.
T. & A. Constable Ltd.
Artistic Engraving Ltd.
Geo. Waterston & Sons Ltd.
Aberdeen University Press
Hunter & Foulis Ltd.

Present YMPs

Blackwood, J. M. D.
Butler, R.
Cameron, M. J. K.
Clegg, H. B.
Collins, J. W. H.
Cormack, A. J.
Crerar, J. A.
Davidson, A. R.
Ferguson, E.
Gillespie, S.
Gilmour, J.
Cow, F.
Grant, D.
Gray, M. M.
Hall, W.
Henderson, D. J.
Hepburn, B.
Fraser Hopewell, P.
Johnston, G. R. S.
Kyle, J.
Laidlaw, P. W.
Lumsden, A.
McCaskey, R.
McFarlane, J. W.
MacMillan, R.
Milne, H. G. R.
Molloy, H.
Pacitti, L.
Philips, D., Jun.
Scandrett, G.
Scott, A.
Simpson, C. David
Sinclair, I.
Sivewright, J. Shand, Jun.
Smith, A. J.
Tough, E.
Waterson, J.
Watson, J. M.
Waugh, H. L.
White, D. Campbell
Wilson, A. St C.
Yorke, M.

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John Bartholomew & Son Ltd.
Wm. Collins, Sons & Co. Ltd.
Geo. Waterston & Sons Ltd.
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K. & R. Davidson Ltd.
John McCormick & Co. Ltd.
Wiggins Teape (Stationery) Ltd.
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John Cossar Ltd.
Skeneprint Ltd.
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Holmes McDougall Ltd.
Typesetting Services Ltd.
Simpson Label Co. Ltd.
Holmes McDougall Ltd.
Lindsay & Co. Ltd.
Mackenzie & Storrie Ltd.
Taylor & Henderson Ltd.
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John Watson & Co. Ltd.
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Wm. St Clair Wilson Ltd.
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