

**The 2012 Coal Science Lecture – “Clean Coal: New Global Challenges and Potential Opportunities” by Dr Andrew Minchener OBE**

**Institute of Physics, Portland Place, London, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

The 2012 Coal Science Lecture was organised by BF2RA and sponsored by BCURA, the Coal Research Forum, the Energy Generation & Supply Knowledge Transfer Network and BF2RA.

Greg Kelsall, Chairman of the BF2RA Members’ Board, introduced Andrew and gave a summary of his career within the energy sector.

Andrew’s began his presentation with information on the global role of coal in the current and future energy mix and the efficiency and environmental challenges associated with coal use. He then focused on coal in China with reference to market sector and geographical availability analysis, imports and exports, policy issues including the Five Year Plans, improved power generation technology options, coal to chemicals and CCS. Finally Andrew spoke about International Cooperation and referred to the UK’s strong presence in this area including capacity building through DECC and the FCO, R&D through the University of Nottingham in China and knowledge transfer through the IEA Clean Coal Centre.

Andrew’s lecture was well received with the audience of around 80 people mesmerised by the sheer scale of the numbers presented.

Professor James Harrison, Chairman of BCURA, presented the 2012 Coal Science Lecture Medal to Dr Minchener.

A copy of Andrew’s presentation can be found elsewhere within the News Section of the BF2RA website [www.bf2ra.org](http://www.bf2ra.org)