

Peter Harrison – Short Biography

It was 58 years ago that I first started work as a junior draughtsman for a local stone company. After a few misspent years in my late teens, working in other areas of construction, I returned to a stone related industry and spent the next 23 years designing anchoring systems, many of which were for natural stone.

First-hand experience working with different cultures, construction methods and regulations around the world served me well, and I started presenting lectures on the design and installation of natural stone; a subject that led me to be invited to present lectures in Europe, the Middle East and the USA.

During this time I became involved with the Stone Federation Great Britain and presented an annual lecture at the Stone in Building course, organised by the Standing Joint Committee on Natural Stone; this course still continues.

In 1969 I joined the BSI committee producing CP 297 & CP 298, both published in 1972; CP 298 was the first British Standard Code of Practice for non- loadbearing natural stone cladding. I joined the Stone Federation technical committee in around 1984 and was honoured to become President from 2000 until 2002. I am currently a member of the Stone Federation technical committee and my work on British Standards and Industry Codes of Practice for natural stone continues today.

I am currently a member of the British Standards committee revising BS 8298 Parts 1 -5. Together with the Stone Federation Technical committee I am helping to draft Codes for Internal stone lining and traditional masonry construction.

My appointment in 1990 as technical manager and then associated technical director for a major UK stone contractor gave me first-hand experience in all aspects of quarrying, production, design and installation, which has been invaluable. I was also fortunate enough to be able to study all aspects of restoration and conservation of natural stone during that time.

1993 saw the formation of Harrison Goldman and the start of my attendance on the European committee for natural stone. Although now retired, during my 25 years with Harrison Goldman I was fortunate to be able to work on some very prestigious projects both in the UK and internationally. This has taken me to quarries and factories in many continents.

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