



Hambly (right) with Prof Roland Paxton (left) and Prof Paul Jowitt view a theodolite, part of the association's Museum Collection now on permanent display.

IN HIS role as head of Heriot-Watt University's civil and offshore engineering department, Prof Jowitt was also the host for the President's other duty in Edinburgh; to open a permanent exhibition of historic civil engineering instruments and equipment collected by the association and now to be housed in the entrance to his department.

Since the collection of some 150 items was started in 1971 by the then association chairman Charles Roe, it has been on loan to Edinburgh's Royal Scottish Museum. But lack of space has allowed most of

the items to be displayed only rarely.

"We had to choose between handing over the collection permanently to the museum, with no guarantee of it being displayed again, or finding it a new home" said chairman of both the association's museum committee and ICE's panel for historical civil engineering works, Prof Roland Paxton. "It has now become one of the finest collections of its type outside the major museums and its new permanent home should ensure it is widely appreciated."