

NEWS IN BRIEF: JULY 2008

MOVING FORWARD

Two significant decisions were taken by the Syl Board at their meeting in July. The first confirmed our 3-year lease for a new Security Institute HQ in the Midlands, and we are set to move in at the beginning of September. More next month. If you're around on Monday 1st, and consider yourself handy with a screwdriver, a few spare pairs of hands would be very useful

The Board also agreed to further develop the website, to be able to take online payments in future. This will help out enormously with event bookings (you'll be able to get your receipt immediately, as well as your booking confirmation), and will also help with ties sales and publications, and paying your annual subscription fees. Work has started, and we hope this new feature will go live in September. If possible we'll extend it to cover booking exam places too.

EVENTS UPDATE

With the first half-year behind us, and a bit of a breather over the summer period, we've spent time analysing the results of the recent survey, and putting together the programme for Sept-Dec. **PLEASE PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW**

Diary Dates Sept – Dec 2008

- 18th Sept : London ~ Introduction for new Members, followed by Members Evening – book online next week
- 16th Oct : North West Area ~ Members Evening
- 1st Nov : London ~ 2nd Syl Autumn Ball
- 10th Nov : Belfast ~ Members Evening (day before Skills for Security Conference, same venue)
- 13th Nov : East Anglia ~ Members Event
- 4th Dec : London ~ Members Evening hosted and sponsored by JP Morgan

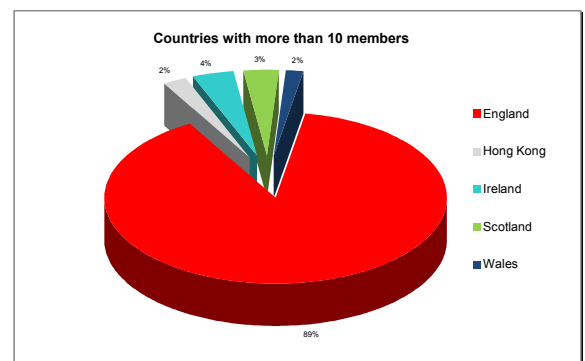
Plans are also being finalized for:

- TBC (Sept) : Half-Day Seminar on Corporate Manslaughter, given by Adrian Maxwell FSyl
- TBC (Oct) : Half-Day Seminar in the Midlands sponsored by Wilson James

Member Demographics

We've been looking at where Syl members are based, to ensure we offer events in the right places. Did you know...

- ★ 5 countries account for circa 90% of Syl
- ★ England accounts for circa 80% of Syl
- ★ UK accounts for circa 86% of Syl
- ★ 48 countries account for the remaining circa 10% of the membership



Survey Results

Thank you to those who responded to the recent on-line survey – here is a summary of the results (a fuller report is on our website). Of the replies received:

- 25% did not attend an event in the last 12 months, but over 20% plan to attend at least one event in the next 12 months.
- 75% attended at least one event over the last 12 months with 30% of these attending 3 or more events.
- 80% anticipate attending an event over the next 12 months.

There was a strong bias towards London based professional development and social events but regional events also figured prominently in members choices.

- For social gatherings the majority favoured the evening.
- For Professional Development events the majority favoured morning and lunchtime meetings.

Members believe Syl offers good value for money, and the choice and number of events offered was about right. Not surprisingly, travelling time & costs are issues, and we will be ensuring more events are held across the UK during 2009.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following were successfully admitted as Members following validation at the beginning of July:

Simon Whitehouse	SGW Associates	simon@sgwassociates.co.uk
Christopher Taxis	Risc 2 U	Chris.taxis@btinternet.com
Richard Stones	Nottinghamshire Police	richardstones@msn.com
Vittorio Guidi	Capita Symonds	Vit.guidi@ntlworld.com

Congratulations also to **Mick Jenkins** and **Graeme Steven** who passed re-validation and become Members of Syl.

We have also had a number of successful students, and the following have now joined following success in the Syl Security Management qualifications:

Lincoln David-Pelle	Self-employed	Lincolndavid_pelle@hotmail.com
Alhaji Barry	Gambia Ports Authority	Abarryh2006@yahoo.co.uk
Zamakchari Alboussairi	Pride International	Zamakchari.alboussairi@exxonmobile.com

Finally, congratulations to the following who were upgraded following success in the Syl Security Management examinations:

Matt Willmot	Lancashire Constabulary	matthew.willmot@lancashire.pnn.police.uk
Pascal Antwi-Asante	Lascap Security Consultants	pcal85@yahoo.com
Scott Bailey	Olive Group	zooscott007@yahoo.co.uk

ACADEMIC BOARD

We're please to welcome 5 new members onto the Academic Board. The line-up is now:

Mark Button (Chairman)	Azeem Aleem	David Brooksbank	Garry Evanson	John Rose
Ken Livingstone	Alison Wakefield	David Cresswell	Mike Burke	Jim Castle
Brian Pender	Anthony McGee	Charlie Swanson		

NEW BSIA CHAIRMAN



Syl Director **Stuart Lowden** has become the new chairman of the British Security Industry Association (BSIA). With nearly 25 years' experience in the security industry, Stuart heads up Wilson James' Security Division, UK providers of managed security and customer services, founded in 1991.

He is well-known within the sector for championing sensible working hours for all security officers, most recently aired by him in a speech at the May SIA annual conference in Leeds and through the "Make The Change" campaign launched in April. He stresses the importance of high-quality, sustained staff development to aid performance and career development in an evolving sector. He has also promoted the importance of a service offering best value over the industry's traditional focus on lowest possible cost.

Stuart has been an active member of the BSIA's Security Guarding Section for a number of years. He is also a Fellow and Board member of the Security Institute, a Board member of Skills for Security and an honorary life vice-president of ASIS International, UK Chapter. We wish him Good Luck in his new position.

Other Syl members confirmed as Section Chairman at the BSIA AGM in July were:

Cash-and-Valuables-in-Transit Section: chairman – **Derek Gee** (Security Plus)
Police and Public Services Section: chairman – **Mick Lee** (Constant Security Services)
Security Consultancies Section chairman - **Ian Johnson** (Ian Johnson Associates)

DISCOUNTS & SPECIAL OFFERS *Please quote your membership number when booking.*

- ★ 4th (Oxford) Nov & 11th Nov (Belfast) : Skills for Security "Time to Change Gear" Conference. 20% discount for early bookers before 29th August. Visit www.events.skillsforsecurity.org.uk
- ★ Security Oracle offer 15% discount for anyone advertising jobs. Contact www.securityoracle.com