



President's Round Up – Mark Longford



It's the holiday season! Graham, Richard and Colin are heading away and judging by the large number of out of office messages last week, most of our readers are recharging their batteries. For readers left at home, I've included instructions for an origami IIS sun hat in anticipation of a sunny August Bank Holiday. David and Sarah Boghurst are away following their wedding and here is a photo of the happy couple.

By now some of you will have received my 'IIS Welcome Letter'. This mentions our new website and Social Media plans which will be released very soon.

Colin introduced me to the Harvester in Haywards Heath on Tuesday, a venue that's suitable for breakfast meetings. I thought I was doing well demolishing my 'full English' until I saw 4 builders restocking their 'Eat as much as you like' plates. Twice! Over breakfast we discussed Colin's thoughts and ideas, which I found very helpful ahead of the Strategy and Council meetings in September. Richard and I are catching up on Tuesday.

This week some of us are thinking about our Mid Year Assessment (MYA) for submission by 30 September. The MYA is a vital part of our planning and thanks in advance to all those who will be asked to contribute information. The purpose of the assessment is to measure all local institutes' performance across six key areas and I've ticked those where I'm confident we delivered – **All!**

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| ✓ Governance | ✓ Communications |
| ✓ Continuing Professional Development | ✓ Exam centre operation |
| ✓ Representation and servicing of all member segments | ✓ Annual dinner, social events and charitable support. |

By focusing on best practice the CII aims to support and ensure consistent high performance across the entire local institute network. The MYA serves as a roadmap for councils to follow and provide the best possible service to their members. Susan is steering the process under Graham's leadership and the team will meet with Victoria in early September. There will be an overview at the Council meeting on 17 September giving everyone present an opportunity to comment before we finalise and submit our return.

We are firing on all cylinders thanks to the initiatives put in place during Graham and Phil's presidential years and the current teams' efforts. All main teams are active as we reach out to new members, Financial Services and Sussex employers. Teams are working together, for example Ian Sadler's Annual Quiz under Programme will have a charity element with CSR's support. Membership Engagement has plans to host an Employers' event to connect with local leaders. Naturally our 2020 and Company Champion teams will have a big part to play.



Secretary's Soundbites (or Susan's Stamp!)





Q. What do a swan and IIS' events programme have in common?

A. The bits you see glide along effortlessly but it's all go beneath the surface!

A lot of advance research and preparation take place to deliver a full programme of quality events and provide something to appeal to everybody. Traditionally, the school holidays have been a quiet time before starting September in full swing. However with the help of Phil and my Programme Team colleagues, I've been very busy over the last few weeks, turning wish lists into realities.


Our CPD event ideas come from several different sources including requests from attendees, brainstorming at Programme Team meetings and choosing from the wide selection of events offered to local institutes annually via central CII.

I know most people are keen to get away quickly after seminars, but those few extra minutes spent in completing feedback forms afterwards are vital. These forms help us to fulfil our CII CPD Accreditation licence requirements and even more importantly, to find out what works for our attendees and what doesn't, plus suggestions for future events. So thank you to everybody who has taken the time and trouble to tell us their views. We *are* listening and are always keen to hear from you! In fact, the forthcoming Professional Indemnity seminar on 29 September and the highly successful recent P05 Study Day were both arranged in response to attendees' requests.

If you've been keeping a regular eye on the Planner, you will note that the italic writing in most of the green boxes – emerald for CPD and olive for social events – has been changed to standard script and question marks removed as more events have moved from provisional to confirmed status. It's great to see the programme coming together, like pieces of a jigsaw.

And we are now planning even further ahead, looking at ideas for Q2 2016 onwards, so that you always have a rolling list of events to look forward to and can save the dates accordingly!

Best wishes





August	September	October	November
<i>Minimal bookings due to availability</i>	Add Notes	Add Notes	
1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th Diversity training CR	1 Su
2 Su	2 We Personal Impact - CR	2 Fr	2 Mo London FP Sympos'm
3 Mo	3 Th Council reports deadline	3 Sa	3 Tu CDM JH?
4 Tu	4 Fr STRATEGY GROUP GJ	4 Su	4 We News d'line/Careers Fair
5 We Lewes walk (1) GJ	5 Sa	5 Mo	5 Th
6 Th Lewes walk (2) GJ	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr
7 Fr	7 Mo	7 We	7 Sa
8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th IIS/NDII Jt CPD Conference	8 Su
9 Su	9 We PROGRAMME PB	9 Fr	9 Mo
10 Mo	10 Th CPD Conf mtg PB/SS/ZT	10 Sa	10 Tu Annual Charity Quiz IS
11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su	11 We
12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo CII Written Exams	12 Th Jt Network Event Btn Uni
13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu CII Exams & PFS Conf	13 Fr
14 Fr	14 Mo	14 We CII Written Exams	14 Sa
15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Su
16 Su	16 We	16 Fr	16 Mo
17 Mo	17 Th COUNCIL ML	17 Sa	17 Tu FS Sales Skills(breakfast)S
18 Tu	18 Fr	18 Su	18 We Council reports deadline
19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo	19 Th
20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr
21 Fr	21 Mo	21 We Red. the Cost of Error SS	21 Sa
22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su
23 Su	23 We Diversity training CR	23 Fr	23 Mo PROGRAMME PB
24 Mo Champions deadline PZ	24 Th	24 Sa	24 Tu
25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su	25 We Writing to express SS
26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo	26 Th
27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr STRATEGY GROUP?GJ
28 Fr CSR/MYR deadlines	28 Mo	28 We	28 Sa
29 Sa	29 Tu Professional Indemnity GJ	29 Th	29 Su
30 Su	30 We AF3 study day??? RC/SS	30 Fr	30 Mo
31 Mo August Bank Hol.		31 Sa	

