

Summary of TSA Council meeting held on 16th April 2014

- The newly-elected Council Members Olivia Masters, Nick Hampson and (in his absence) Oliver Viney were officially welcomed.
- The CCD Scheme Tariffs have been updated to reflect the number of employees per company, instead of turnover. Further details will be sent to members before the scheme is rolled out on 1st October.
- Feedback from the Annual Health & Safety Seminar held on 5th March was excellent, with the highest number of delegates ever in attendance.
- TSA's AGM went very well on 2nd April alongside the GeoDATA event at The Lowry Centre in Manchester. A Press Release regarding the new Equipment Security Scheme run by Datatag will be sent out shortly.
- The next Discussion Group will be held on 12th November – with the SS Great Britain as the venue.
- ADP Group Ltd (Affiliate) were approved as members. 5 other Applications are currently being processed, including one from Columbia.
- TSA membership currently stands at 148 companies.
- The new exhibition for the survey industry, Geo Business 2014, will be held on 28th – 29th May 2014 at the Business Design Centre in London. TSA will be exhibiting alongside RICS, ICES & AGI.
- The increased promotional activity kicked off for the year with Press Releases on Flooding and also the Datatag scheme. The Flooding Statement caught the attention of the Today programme on Radio 4, with TSA President Graham Mills and Council member Mike Hopkins lined up for an interview. The programme editor changed focus at the last minute, but TSA are now on their radar.
- New TSA Coasters have been produced and will be available at Geo Business.
- TSA's group on LinkedIn currently has over 2,200 members and is open to non-members. TSA also has over 1,060 followers on Twitter.
- Many more Client Guides are in the final drafting stages.
- PAS128 is set to be launched on 30th June at the ICE in London.
- The second Bursary payments have been made, following the receipt of impressive reports from the two students Emmanuel Lawal and Adam Miller.
- TSA has had further talks with UMA (Utility Mapping Association) with regard to assessing the need for accreditation of utility mapping and ensure that everything possible is done to work together for the good of the whole survey industry.