

### **Summary of TSA Council meeting held on 12 October 2011**

- The President welcomed Stuart Dimond of MK Surveys to his first meeting as a co-opted Council member.
- TGF have produced an online Health and Safety 'health check' for members and this is on the new Business Advice Page in the Members Area of the website
- Centara Ltd (Associate), Cox Design and Planning (Associate) and Citation (Supplier) have all been approved as members since the last meeting.
- The last Business Improvement Seminar of the year will be run at West Brom on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Two Technical Training seminars will be run on 17<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November. Demand for these has been so high that the reserve lists are oversubscribed. TSA will look at running one more before the end of the year and at least four in 2012.
- TSA will continue a PR campaign next year, focused on getting news items, press releases and articles into trade journals and publications.
- The budget for 2012 is being reviewed, which includes the lobbying element. Members will be asked for their thoughts on the Monthly Monitoring Report by mini-poll in November.
- Further improvements will be made to TSA's website next year. Monthly visitor totals average at just over 9,000 and are increasing.
- TSA's group on LinkedIn currently has over 600 members and is open to non-members. TSA also has 242 followers on Twitter.
- The plans for the Discussion Group on 2 November in Manchester have been finalised, with a variety of speakers including Neil Ackroyd of Ordnance Survey. The theme for the day will be 'The Past, The Present and The Future.'
- The Technical Committee continues to work on producing new several Client Guides (Water Courses in the UK, Topographical Surveys, Aerial Photography) and also refreshing existing ones.
- It was agreed that 2012 Subscription rates would increase in line with the September 2011 inflation figure, following the three-year freeze.
- Newcastle University has submitted six applicants for TSA's bursary scheme. None were received from Nottingham University, which was a disappointment. Two applicants have been selected for a bursary of £1000 each. The cheques will be presented at the Discussion Group.
- The President and Secretary General were invited to the official opening of Explorer House, the new home of Ordnance Survey on 4 October. The guest of honour was HRH Prince Philip and Rory was presented to him. Neil Ackroyd has offered the venue to TSA for the AGM in April next year.