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A monthly tScheme round-up from the Secretariat

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Welcome to **tScheme News**. The Secretariat will be publishing this newsletter/email monthly as a summary of what tScheme has being doing. It will detail new members, revenues, committee work, conferences and presentations, and of course any major Board decisions. In a nutshell, we want to keep everyone aware and involved in what we are doing and where we are going.

June has been a positive month for tScheme. We're now almost current with member's contributions (6 paid up this month, bringing in a total of £90K - and relief to our accountant), and also strong interest has been generated from a number of new members. At the beginning of July we received a application for membership from Notus Key and we're hoping to welcome additional new members for the second half year. We have even had enquiries from as far afield as Japan and Canada.

The Board met on the 5th of July, and were able to ratify the Profiles Committee's acceptance of 7 of the 8 Profiles. These are now available in the Members section. tScheme will be selling copies of the Profiles to non-members, so please be careful with the distribution.

The Board has decided to give the Legal Group full approval control over the Contracts. The Group, which is currently working on a number of Documents, is nearing completion of the contract for Registered Applicant and also full tScheme Approval.

User representatives, to be co-opted onto the Board are being considered, with representations from various sectors looking promising.

The Board is also looking at tScheme's medium term strategy, and any member that would like to discuss this should contact Stephen.

The Profiles committee is now to become the Profiles & Processes Committee, to expand its remit to include ISO 9000 quality Management of our business processes. Whilst the

flowcharting and management of this exercise will be done by Ben in the Secretariat, we'd very much like individual members to take 'ownership' of individual processes. Please contact Ben if this is a role you'd like to take on, or you have expertise you want to share.

June also saw the launch of the Marketing Forum. For those still in the dark, this is an online forum that members can use to discuss the marketing of tScheme - Stephen is the 'moderator' of this group, setting questions and steering the discussion. You can join the group, or comment instantly here (you will need the members login - contact Ben if you've not got it).

Turning to the need for wider tScheme awareness, Stephen has already written an article to go with the ISSE promotion of their conferences as well as writing a response to the FT's piece on the FSA consultation paper. Articles are also being targeted at certain business focused publications, followed up by news as it breaks.

Finally, tScheme of course formally responded to the DTI's consultation on the EC e signatures directive. If you've not already seen the final response, it's available on the website here.

This whole document is available in the members' section, and is attached to this email as a pdf file

Looking Forward

tScheme's priority at the moment is to trial its approval profiles and eventually grant the first Full Approval. Along the way much work is to be done, although with the Profiles and Contracts nearly in place, the foundations are now looking solid. The Marketing Forum will be coming into its own in the coming months, with tScheme being represented at various events, and looking to raise the profile more generally.

Stephen has been meeting with various parties, such as Identrus, a Taiwanese delegation, and others to discuss their relationship with tScheme and this will continue. One key area will be the discussion with TSPs interested in becoming Registered Applicants - significant progress should be made in July.

tScheme is actively seeking new members, and user input - and of course existing members continuing contributions to all aspects of the work being carried out

This brief round up will be published on a monthly basis. Between issues, please feel free to contact the Secretariat for information on any tScheme matter – ben.Brierley@tscheme.org or 020 7331 2053

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