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A monthly tScheme round up from the Secretariat

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With a tScheme wireless network extending to Hyde Park still a twinkle in the Board's eyes, we, like your good selves, seem to be tied to our desk while the world enjoys the Mon-Friday, 9-5 only, good weather.

And to add further insult we have to deal with the notion of 'BST' - British Summer Time. More of a concept that a genuine event. William Willett, the London builder who first came up with the idea of calling half the year "British Summer Time", was quite clearly simply a master of irony.

And when we finally get a run of three days of sunshine, you can tell a hosepipe ban is just around the corner.

Yet the main order of the day is tScheme, and *tScheme* unlike British Summer Time does exist and certainly is real.

Issue 3 Profiles

Proving they don't rely on solar power, the Profiles committee have worked extremely hard completed the Issue threes of the Profiles. The full set, which includes such innovations as critical reference tags.

The new profiles will be, as usual, on the website in PDF. Contact Ben or Richard direct for other formats.

The Profiles and Process Committee has also worked hard to produce a second "definitive" set of documents; The RAP (Required Assessment Procedures), Model S3A, Model Assessment Report and Glossary, as well as a set of "informative" documents. All available in the Library section.

TS Guide.

Not to be confused with the Radio Times, which is of course a TV guide. Or TS Eliot who isn't. "The *tScheme* Guide to Securing Electronic Transactions", has been completed as a full draft and is now being circulated to the Marketing Forum for comment.

As an additional function of *tScheme*'s marketing/awareness campaign, this will not be coming directly out of the *tScheme* budget, and Directed Named Sponsorship of the guide is being sought – contact Stephen. Part funding from the DTI is also being investigated.

International Focus

After discussion at the highest level, *tScheme* is taking a clear direction on the international front. Under a initial activity framework, *tScheme* will embark on four strands of activity.

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I – Mutual recognition (i.e. MRA with ttp.nl – which in this case is funded by DTI)
II – European business-led (supporting cross border trade)
III – EC Directive implementation and Article 9 Committee (led by DTI)
IV – Global Licensing and Development

We're also developing an International Prospects list – both for membership and service approval. As always member's assistance is greatly appreciated.

Trust Services Events

tScheme has taken the strategic and budgetary decision not to exhibit at the next ISSE, which is fortunate because we're not a mickey mouse scheme (think about it).

A review of the Trust Services Event that tScheme sponsored is underway, with a view to looking at both how successful it, and the conclusions, were and what has been left un-discussed. A decision about whether tScheme should aim to be involved in the next one will be based on these 5 economic criteria.

UKAS Accreditation

The UKAS accreditation package is nearing completion. Round table discussions will be then be held later in this month.

New Member Campaign

tScheme is looking to recruit two new members this quarter. The invitation to delegates from potential members to come along to meetings still stands – if you have a supplier or partner company that might be interested, forward their details, and we'll invite them along.

Identrus Mapping

Work to finalise the Identrus mapping is still on course after having stopped a cab driver for directions. Work will be completed in July and is aimed at generating new prospects for approval from the existing pool of Identrus Participants and Express Partners.

Looking Forward

The work of the tScheme secretariat will continue throughout August, but with various members on holiday, and the committees having done such a sterling job, we think you all deserve a well-earned break.

The Profiles and Processes Committee are meeting on Thursday to usher in the break, and after this week, will join the other two committee on hiatus for a month.

Relax and enjoy the sunshine … don't forget to download the new set of Profiles for some beach-side reading …

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