

Team Defence-Information Bulletin September 2020



News digest and look ahead to TD-Info Events

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COVID-19 Update Current social distancing means that remote working and ‘virtual’ on-line meetings are now very much the norm.

Our forthcoming **Support Chain Digital Seminar 2020 (SCDS20)** on 23-24 September will now be a ‘Virtual’ event to ensure the safety of all concerned and replaces the ‘face-to-face’ event previously planned. Defence organisations will also be able to exhibit ‘virtual’ Trade Stands throughout the event.

Further details on **SCDS20** and how to book your place is available below.

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New TD-Info Lead Sponsor We are pleased to announce that **World Fuel Services** has now become a Lead Sponsor; **World Fuel Services** is a trusted supplier of energy solutions to the MOD across global air, land and sea environments.

New TD-Info Members We also have several new Members: **Unipart Logistics Ltd** provides a variety of solutions and services to enable supply chain transformation; **AI Labs** brings industry domain knowledge and expertise in cutting edge Artificial Intelligence technology; **Meta Mission Data** offer consultancy services and airborne surveillance capability to the defence and security sectors; and **Roke Manor Research** brings a 60-year heritage and deep knowledge in sensors, communications and cyber security.

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Support Chain Digital Seminar 2020 (SCDS20) – 23 and 24 September

We look forward to seeing you all at next month’s **SCDS20** which provides the opportunity for ‘Team Defence’ members to meet virtually and discuss key initiatives, exchange information, and become engaged in collaborative MOD/Industry Working Groups.

This year’s theme is **‘Digital Support in Defence’** and will be delivered over 2 days:

Day One – 23 Sep: **Delivering Digital Support Enabling Capability**

Day Two – 24 Sep: **Information Led Transformation**

Book your place at SCDS20 [HERE](#)



Book Delegate & Exhibitor places at www.teamdefence.info



2 Day Virtual Event



Seminar theme is **Digital Support in Defence**
 Gain insights from key MOD & Industry speakers:
Day 1: Delivering Digital Support Enabling Capability
Day 2: Information Led Transformation

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Keynote Speakers We are privileged to have a diverse range of leaders, innovators, and subject matter experts presenting at SCDS20 who will include (subject to confirmation):

- **Chief Defence Logistics & Support Update** – Lt Gen Richard Wardlaw, MOD Chief of Defence Logistics and Support (CDLS)
- **DSF and Industry Update** – Jon Hall, Managing Director Technology, Babcock
- **DE&S Update** – Steve Glass, Dir Support DE&S
- **What can the COVID-19 Supply Chain lessons tell us about the need to manage Support as a Capability?** – Maj Gen Simon Hutchings, Dir Joint Support
- **Thriving in the Upswing: Business Success in Disruptive Times** – Sean Culey, Business Transformation Expert
- **MODCloud** - Brig Sara Sharkey, Defence Digital
- **RAF Strategic Support Programme** – Air Cdre Dave Tozer, HD RAF SSP
- **Supply Chain Transformation & Warehouse Distribution Optimisation** – Brig Lee Daley, SPTx Hd
- **Digitising the Battlespace – Towards Multi Domain Integration** – Maj Gen Tom Copinger-Symes, Dir Military Digitalisation, representing Charlie Forte, MOD CDIO, Defence Digital
- **Tempest - An opportunity to Accelerate Our Digital Transformation** - Gareth Hetheridge, Global Head of IT - Defence, Rolls Royce

The full agenda and timings for **SCDS20** is now available [here](#).

Virtual Trade Stands - We have already a significant number of MOD and the Defence Industry partners registered to exhibit a 'virtual' Trade Stand via the Kahootz cloud collaboration service which is wholly owned and hosted in the UK. An example Trade Stand can be viewed [here](#); to book your virtual Trade Stand please click [here](#).

Other Forthcoming Key Events We have numerous events and activities scheduled for the forthcoming months. Please look for details on the TD-Info calendar [here](#) (note you will need to be registered and logged-in for full details).

On 7 Sep 2020, the **Engineering Support Transformation User Forum (ESTUF)** will be hosting a briefing to engage TD-Info member's support and contribution to the development of a **Digital Twin Roadmap**. Details can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Steve Green](#).

On 10 Sep 2020, the **Forecast and Resource Planning Working Group (F&RPWG)** meeting will be an open session. Following a very positive response to the recent survey to elicit the level of interest in the subject the Group will now become open to all to participate. The session will be an opportunity to hear about the MOD F&RP programme and how the Group is helping to deliver it. More details and the link to register to attend can be found [here](#).

The **MODCloud** Programme will be providing an update on 15 Sep. This will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams. Further information is available [here](#) or by contacting [Andy Whatman](#) or [Will Tuohy](#).

After a successful first year, the **JIG Vanguard (JIG-V)** will be holding its Board Meeting on 2 Oct 2020 and providing the community with updates on activities. Details can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Luca Leone](#).

Recent Events A number of key Working Groups (WG) and notable team meetings have recently taken place:

The **Cabinet Office** recently invited members of the Defence Suppliers Forum to submit evidence that would inform the government's **Integrated Review**. TD-Info has been coordinating input from its Members and developing a response to the "**Call for Evidence**". If you would like to contribute to this collective response please contact [Will Tuohy](#) *no later than Wed 9 Sep*. Alternatively, you can respond directly to the Cabinet Office using the template available [here](#) before Fri 11 Sep.

MOD DE&S recently commissioned the **Warehousing Distribution Optimisation (WDO) Project** to survey 730 buildings across 141 sites and explore what solutions Industry might propose to provide a control tower style capability. On 13 Aug, **Brigadier Lee Daley**, D&S Programme Director UK Supply Chain Modernisation, gave a briefing on the project objectives and how Industry can become engaged. Details of the briefing are available [here](#).

Richard Puttick, Def Spt CIO/CTO, kindly gave TD-Info members a briefing on his new role, described the organisation, and outlined future strategy. It was a very informative session followed by questions and answers. For further information contact [Steve Green](#).

Publications and White Papers

The **Sustainable Defence Support Sub-Working Group (SDSp SWG)** members recently produced a **White Paper** on **Sustainable Defence Support**. The Paper was sponsored by **Capt Damian Exworthy (RN)**, Support Operations, Concepts and Force Development with included contributions from a wide variety of Industry experts. It will be used to inform a future concept primer and influence the Defence Support Sustainability Strategy. The **White Paper** is now available [here](#) with supporting papers [here](#); for further information contact [Steve Green](#).

The **Asset Management White Paper** that was recently published by the **ESTUF** has been included in the August edition of **Assets** the magazine for the Institute of Asset Management, available to access [here](#).

The **Defence Digital Commercial Marketplace Digest** is now produced weekly by the MOD's Defence Digital Commercial Continuous Improvement Team and is made available to MOD 'customers' and industry Members on the TD-Info website. All future (and previous) issues can be accessed via the **Trading Forum** [here](#) or searching under the keyword [Defence Digital Commercial Marketplace Digest](#).

Contacting TD-Info Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, TD-Info now has a small administrative staff working remotely. Consequently, our main office remains closed and postal mail is only collected periodically. With this in mind, please use [email](#) as primary form of correspondence should you need to contact our admin or finance department.

Key Dates for September and October 2020 Please check the TD-Info website Calendar [here](#) to confirm details and how to join as these are subject to change:

- 1 to 3 Sep – Def Spt Robotics and Autonomous Systems Webinar
 - 1 Sep – ILS End to End Process Support (00-600 Sub-Working Group)
 - 7 Sep – Industry Customers Engagement Forum (ICEF)
 - 7 Sep - DEFStan 00-600 Working Group
 - 7 Sep – ESTUF Digital Twin Briefing
 - 8 Sep – MODCloud – Technical, Security and Accreditation Working Group
 - 10 Sep - Trading Forum Quarterly Meeting
 - 10 Sep - Supply Chain and Support Engineering Working Group (SCSEWG)
 - 10 Sep - Forecast and Resource Planning Working Group (F&RPWG)
 - 15 Sep – Supportability Modelling and Analysis Working Group
 - 15 Sep - MODCloud Programme Update Meeting
 - 16 Sep – Team Defence Strategy Group Meeting
 - 17 Sep – ILS End to End Process Support (00-600 Sub-Working Group)
 - 22 Sep – TD-Info Council Meeting
 - 23-24 Sep – Support Chain Digital Seminar (SCDS) 2020
 - 29 Sep - Packaging for Equipment Acquisition and Support (PEAS) Forum
 - 30 Sep - Team Defence Executive Team Meeting
 - 14 Oct – Joint Information Standards Coordination Team (JISCOT) Meeting
 - 26 Oct – Industry Customer Engagement Forum (ICEF) Meeting
 - 28 to 30 Oct – Simplified Technical English Course
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Forthcoming Events - Non Team Defence-Info TD-Info often provides information on external events that may be of interest to MOD and Industry members.

Defence Science and Technology (Dstl) will be hosting its **ZODIAC Awareness Day** on 16 Sep 2020. This will be a virtual event describing how Project **ZODIAC**, core of the British Army's future land ISTAR capability, will be fully networked and its products fully exploited across the Single Intelligence Environment and the Single Information Environment. This will form part of a Request For Information (RFI) from the **ZODIAC** project team to interested member companies with Expressions of Interest

requested by 30 Sep 2020. To register for the **Zodiac Awareness Day** please contact Phillip Lally [here](#) before 9 Sep 2020. Further information is available [here](#).

Technical Documentation World (TDW) will be hosting a Conference from 17 to 19 Nov 2020 entitled 'Making the Case for Product Support'. Further details and registration is now available on the TDW website [here](#).

TD-Info members can obtain 15% discount for events that are organised by **Defence iQ** and TD-Info is a media partner:

- [Disruptive Technology for Defence Transformation](#) (16 – 18 September)
- [Defence Vehicle Dynamics](#) (16 – 17 September)

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