

News digest and look ahead to TD-Info Events

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Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Support Chain Digital Seminar 2020 (SCDS20)** on 23-24 September. We had a fantastic attendance, with 660 registered participants, and an exceptional array of speakers from MOD and Industry; we also had 42 Virtual Trade Stand exhibitions from across the Team Defence community. Thanks also to **Fujitsu** for sponsoring **SCDS20** and to **Kahootz** for their help in supporting our first 'virtual' on-line event.

Despite initial concerns that **COVID-19** would restrict the event, **SCDS20** proved to be huge success and provided an excellent opportunity for all to meet virtually and discuss key initiatives, exchange information, and become engaged in collaborative MOD/Industry Working Groups.



We would welcome your feedback on **SCDS20** and how we might improve for future events. Please spare a few minutes to login to **Kahootz** and complete the on-line survey [here](#).

The **SCDS20** portal will remain open for registered attendees to review speaker presentations and the Virtual Trade Stands until 23 Oct 2020.

The **Excellence Awards** were hotly contested by the five TD-Info finalists: **Allan Webb, Anzen Technology Systems, Awen Collective, Babcock Land, and Kahootz**. We would very much like to thank the competition judges **Simon Foale** from Dstl, **Nigel Jones** from the IAAC and Defence Academy, and **Rob Hopkin** from Birmingham University. The first prize was won by **Anzen Technology Systems** closely followed by runners-up **Allan Webb Ltd** and **Babcock Land**, with **Awen Collective** and **Kahootz** earning **Highly Commended** awards.

Katie Rogers from **Mastek** came closest to predicting the order chosen by the Excellence Awards judges and won the iPad-mini prize sponsored by **Oracle**.

New TD-Info Lead Sponsors We are pleased to announce that **Costain** and **Raytheon UK** have now become Lead Sponsors for TD-Info; **Costain** provides integrated smart solutions and infrastructure services across the UK's energy, water, transportation and defence markets and **Raytheon UK** is a technology company focused on Defence, Aerospace, and Cyber & Intelligence.

New TD-Info Members We also have several new Members: **Massive Analytic Limited** provides a suite of platforms that empower businesses to digitally transform their operations using Artificial Intelligence (AI); **Gemini Digital Technologies** has established itself at the forefront of the Digital Twin for manufacturing and support; and **York Metrics** brings together best of breed software and evidence-based systems measurement to answer real-time business problems.

Defence Sustainability Conference – 11 and 12 Nov 2020

Book your tickets now for our next virtual **Defence Sustainability Conference** which is being held on **11 and 12 Nov 2020**. In the first of its kind, this collaborative conference between TD-Info, UK Defence Solution Centre (UK DSC) and the MOD will showcase the extensive work currently underway across defence to optimise sustainable operational advantage and support the target of Net Zero 50 (NZ50).

Keynote speakers include **Lieutenant General Richard Nugee** CB CVO CBE Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy Lead and **Lieutenant General Richard Wardlaw** OBE, Chief Defence Logistics and Support, who will provide his vision on a Sustainable Defence operating model.

The conference will also include virtual trade stands and areas to network and share ideas. Register for your attendee tickets [here](#), book your trade stand [here](#) or contact [Luca Leone](#) for further details.

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).

TD-Info will be hosting a series of webinars over the period **6 to 15 Oct 2020** to outline the new opportunities for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to engage with the defence industry via the **Dstl SME Searchlight** programme. The webinars are free to attend and will cover the separate topics of air systems and policing. Further details are available from **Dstl** [here](#) or by contacting [Steve Green](#).

Phil Williams, Managing Director TD-Info, will be a guest speaker at the **Technical Documentation World (TDW) Conference** entitled 'Making the Case for Product Support'. As Chairman of the Integrated Product Support Council, Phil will be introducing the International team that produces the S-Series specification. The **TDW Conference** is being held virtually from **17 to 19 Nov 2020**. Further details and how to register is available [here](#) or by contacting [Mike Ingledeu](#).

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

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** and quarterly **TD-Info Council** took place mid-July and included updates from the various Team Defence Working Groups. For further details of the **AGM** please contact [Will Tuohy](#).

At the beginning of September TD-Info also hosted a series of webinars on the subject of ‘**Defence Support Robotics and Autonomous Systems**’. Details of the webinars are available [here](#) or by contacting [Steve Green](#).

The **Defence Support Development Framework** is a collaborative venture between MOD and Industry to produce an interactive storyboard that illustrates how activities contribute to realisation of the **Defence Support Strategy**. TD-Info Members are working together to develop beneficial Use Cases and stories with a focus on **Sustainability, Digital Twin, the Digital Backbone, and Concept & Force Development**. There has been considerable interest from MOD/Industry and further demonstrations are being planned to illicit feedback and inform future development. A presentation of the Framework is available [here](#). If you would like further information or to become involved please contact [Steve Green](#).

TD-Info also hosted the inaugural meeting of the **00-600 Sub-Working Group (SWG)** which was established to provide Industry and MOD support for the creation of a framework for the ILS End to End Process as guidance for MoD Project and ILS professionals. This SWG will continue working with MOD and Industry stakeholders. For further information please contact [Will Tuohy](#).

The latest **MODCloud** Programme meeting was held on 15 Sep, with a brief out to industry from MOD and progress updates on the establishment of the **Working Groups (WGs)**, as well as the Proof of Concept update. Further details of the meeting are available [here](#). The two other **MODCloud WGs** covering Technical, Security & Accreditation and Commercial will be meeting in Oct 2020, dates to follow. For further information please contact [Andy Whatman](#).

The **JIG Vanguard (JIG-V)** held its latest Board Meeting on 2 Oct 2020 and was chaired by **Jack Wakefield**, Fujitsu and **Rachel Hutchison**, MBDA. The meeting was very informative and provided the broader Team Defence community with updates on the **JIG-V** activities over the past year. It also saw an opportunity to discuss some of the future projects including the Defence Information Exchange, the Open Source Coding programme and AI Ethics for Tempest. Further details are available by contacting [Luca Leone](#).

TD-Info recently hosted a meeting to discuss the European Defence Fund (EDF)/ eTLCI proposal currently being coordinated by AFNET for **Improving Through-Life Interoperability**. For further details on the proposal can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Will Tuohy](#).

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Publications and White Papers

The UK Government recently announced the **Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF) Faraday Battery Challenge** inviting businesses to apply for a share of up to £10 million in grant funding for innovation in electric vehicle battery technology. The competition opened on 28 Sep 2020 and closes on Wed 9 Dec 2020 at 11:00. Details on how to apply are available [here](#) or by contacting [Steve Green](#).

The **Cabinet Office** recently invited members of the Defence Suppliers Forum to submit evidence that would inform the government’s **Integrated Review**. TD-Info was asked to coordinate input from its Members and developing a response to the “**Call for Evidence**”. Details of the response submitted are available [here](#) or by contacting [Will Tuohy](#).

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COVID-19 Update

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the TD-Info administrative staff continues to work remotely; 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.

Our office is available to TD-Info Members for hot-desking or meetings, in accordance with current government guidelines. For further information and bookings please contact [Sue Russell](#).

Communications Update – Use of Third Party MailJet

We have heard from our Members that emails are often inadvertently blocked and sent to ‘spam’ folders. In order to prevent this and ease communications, TD-Info will now be using a third party called **MailJet** to send out the monthly newsletters and other correspondence. **MailJet** will be processing data on behalf of TD-Info using supplied email addresses only; no other personal information or data will be used by **MailJet**.

We have recently revised our Privacy Policy to reflect this change [here](#); if you no longer wish to receive our newsletters please unsubscribe or [email](#) to notify us.

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](#).

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 Oct – Supply Chain and Support Engineering Working Group (SCSEWG)
 - 2 Oct – JIG-V Board Meeting
 - 5 Oct - DEFStan 00-600 Working Group
 - 6 - 7 Oct – Cranfield University Cyber Symposium (Non-TD-Info Event)
 - 6 - 15 Oct - Dstl Webinars on Air Systems and Policing
 - 13 Oct - Team Defence 3 Star Advisory Board Meeting
 - 14 Oct – Joint Information Standards Coordination Team (JISCOT) Meeting
 - 26 Oct – Industry Customer Engagement Forum (ICEF) Meeting
 - 3 Nov – Team Defence Executive Team Meeting
 - 2 Nov - DEFStan 00-600 Working Group
 - 11 to 12 Nov - Defence Sustainability Conference
 - 17 to 19 Nov – TDW Conference ‘Making the Case for Product Support’ (Non-TD-Info Event)
 - 25 Nov – Team Defence Executive Team Meeting
 - 1 Dec – Strategy Team Meeting
 - 7 Dec - DEFStan 00-600 Working Group
 - 10 Dec - Team Defence Town Hall
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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:

Cranfield University will be holding a **Cyber Symposium** at the Defence Academy Technology School, Shrivenham, between 6 and 7 Oct 2020. The symposium is designed to examine the impact of cyber across the span of military activity including operations, acquisition, security, training and education. Further details are 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 how to register is available [here](#) or by contacting [Mike Ingledeu](#).

The **IPS/ILS User Forum** that was scheduled to be in Vienna from 2 to 5 Nov has now been postponed until the Autumn 2021.

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Accessing documents and publications To find these documents use the Search function (located at the top right of the TD-Info website Home screen) which will appear after you have [signed-in](#) to the TD-Info website.

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