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Message from the Chairman

We are now fully installed in our new eco-friendly premises in Chesterfield. The office, situated just off the M1 motorway at Jct 29A, is not only convenient and easily accessible now that this new junction has opened, but is available to all members on the move.

The facilities can offer members :-

- a meeting room (provided booked in advance at reasonable rates) which can comfortably hold up to 15*
- Free Internet Access*
- Secretarial Services if required*



Peter Robinson

I would like to remind you of the people that have been doing the work around UKATA, who I must thank for the time and tireless work that has gone in to the foundations of this new association.



The Committee

Assisted by two office administrators who job share, the committee is made up of the following people:-

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| <i>• Peter Robinson</i> | <i>Chairman - Bradley Environmental</i> |
| <i>• Mike Wilkes</i> | <i>Vice Chairman - Cape</i> |
| <i>• David Stanley</i> | <i>Treasurer - DS Environmental</i> |
| <i>• Eddie Strong</i> | <i>Membership Committee Chairman - Ferncroft</i> |
| <i>• Steve Watkins</i> | <i>Technical & Training Committee Chairman - Hertel</i> |
| <i>• Max Lopaki</i> | <i>Marketing - NATAS</i> |
| <i>• Bruce Sutherland</i> | <i>Associates (Cat 3) Noble</i> |
| <i>• Terry Barker</i> | <i>TASC</i> |
| <i>• Karin Virco</i> | <i>OHS</i> |
| <i>• David Wilson</i> | <i>Shield</i> |

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| <i>• Terry Jago - ARCA</i> | <i>• Peter Austin - ACAD</i> | <i>• Les Lowe - NTDG*</i> |
| <i>• Jim Caldwell - NTDG*</i> | <i>• Tony Tynan - NTDG*</i> | <i>• HSE Representative</i> |

** NTDG - National Demolition Training Group*

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Membership Status

Having taken legal advice we are now pleased to tell all our members that the correct classification of membership is that you are 'UKATA REGISTERED MEMBERS'. A new logo will be issued with membership number and category of training provided.



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HSE National Asbestos Campaign



The current Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Asbestos Campaign which was launched on the 13th of October 2008 is well under way, hitting both the national newspapers and local radio stations' airways with real life warnings as a result of the devastating effects of exposure to Asbestos.

With the former England International Football Star Ian Wright heading the campaign the awareness is being highlighted with local and national TV stations picking up on the plight.

The current HSE internet site, leaflets and asbestos awareness campaign packs direct people who require more information to both the HSE Site and that of UKATA where members' details can easily be found.

All enquiries being received at the UKATA offices are being directed to the website or to those members that are geographically suited to the customer.



Former HSE - ATPG Training Providers

The former list of audited ATPG asbestos training providers which was held on the HSE website has now, subject to membership, been transferred to UKATA.

It is only UKATA members that appear on this list for prospective clients to see, when trying to source a registered training provider when directed from the Health and Safety Executive's asbestos section of their website.



Code of conduct 2007



UKATA Members Question Bank

A very large question bank has been produced by the Technical and Training Committee for use by its members. The question bank which covers all the modules of chapter 4 of HSG 247; Asbestos: The Licensed Contractors' Guide, will be available shortly to the Members.

The questions have been weighted to satisfy the requirements of chapter 4 ensuring that all the criteria is adequately covered. Guidance on the weighting of examination questions will be provided to all members.



Asbestos Awareness

Asbestos Awareness Training has proved to be a more complex issue than we ever imagined, however, once again we are making clear progress and expect to be able to set out clear guidelines in the not too distant future.



Category 3 Members



All category 3 members will be shown on the website as national members given that their clients could be anywhere within the country and it is anticipated that most members will probably travel to the client,s premises for onsite training.

For category 1 and 2 members the situation is somewhat different, as practical facilities will always be required to allow for demonstration and hands on tuition.



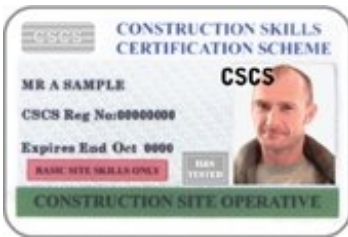
Audits

The 2008 audit procedure has now commenced.

Every member that has joined during 2008 has been audited.

The time has come to audit all those members who migrated to UKATA from the Asbestos Training Providers Group (ATPG). Members' cooperation with this process will be very greatly appreciated.





The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) and the Contractors Health and Safety Scheme (CHAS) both require evidence of Asbestos Awareness Training covering the various different trades and disciplines.

CSCS already recognise and advise that they require the training to be provided by a UKATA Registered training provider with other specifiers being contacted with a view to doing the same, thus ensuring that an industry-wide standard is achieved and maintained.

Asbestos Removal Operatives

CSCS cards for asbestos removal operatives are currently available based upon existing UKATA registered training, which the majority of all construction companies require prior to allowing you on to their sites.

After May 2009 the current scheme (grandfather rights) will no longer be available for new and renewal applicants unless you can show evidence of a level 2 NVQ.

UKATA has been active in pursuing this matter in the interests of its members with the support of the HSE.

It will not affect licensable training as we know it, especially given that it is driven by specific legislation, however, there are potential opportunities and benefits to UKATA members to operate assessment centres for those who wish to, and / or become assessors of competence. This will require the NVQ A1 Assessor Qualification.

In addition to the National Vocational Qualification, which is a one off qualification, UKATA is investigating the opportunities for development of ongoing competency assessments for both licensed and unlicensed asbestos removal.

The National Demolition Training Group (NTDG) is providing invaluable advice in respect of this in which are own board member Mr Jim Caldwell is leading.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting has been pencilled in for February 2009 (final date to be advised), with the venue anticipated to be held in the Midlands, probably Birmingham to allow a central location which hopefully will be suitable to all members.

The seats on the Executive Committee will also be up for election at this meeting. These matters always work best if there is competition for committee places, so if you feel that you would like to be more involved, this will be your opportunity.

Only those potential candidates willing to work hard to support the interests of its members and the UKATA standards need apply. Details will follow.