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UKATA AGM

Friday 25th February saw the 3rd Annual General Meeting of UKATA which was held in the McGregor Suite at Aston Villa Football Ground. It was attended by a good number of our members along with Sarah Mallagh, HSE Policy Unit. Sarah delivered a presentation on the progress of the Hidden Killer campaign. More detail on the Hidden Killer Campaign is on Page 5.

The AGM opened with the UKATA Chairman, Mike Smith of Cape Plc thanking the previous Executive Committee for their time and support over the last year and for their assistance in pushing forward the development of UKATA and promotion of better training standards in to the industry.



One of the key agenda items was the nomenclature of the categories of training delivered by our members. It was suggested that there may have been confusion within the construction and related industries that a numeric system of identifying training could present a problem. In order to remove any form of confusion, UKATA have taken the lead by re-titling the levels of training offered as detailed below, in line with the nomenclature used in the Approved Code of Practice L143:

Category 3 (Asbestos Awareness) becomes Category **A**

Category 2 (Non-Licensed Training) becomes Category **B**

And Category 1 (Licensed Training) goes to Category **C**

The above changes take immediate effect for all training delivered by UKATA members. New logos and UKATA documentation has now been produced to this effect.

Please feel free to contact UKATA in the first instance for clarification or should you feel that you have any queries regarding any article in this Newsletter.

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Mike Smith – Chairman UKATA

At the 3rd UKATA AGM held at Villa Park, Birmingham on Friday 25th February 2011 the members present kindly accepted a Special Resolution to the Articles of the Association which now allows for me to be able to serve a full two year term as Chairman. I am very pleased to be given further opportunity to demonstrate my ongoing commitment to serving the members to the best of my ability. I am humbled by the support and I think it is very appropriate at this time to officially thank all the UKATA members who were able to attend the AGM.

I also wish to thank the outgoing members of the UKATA Committees for their hard work and for the time and resources that they have brought to the Association. It is equally important that I extend a firm welcome to our newly elected Directors in particular, but also to those members of the Executive who were re-elected.

In addition, a very special thank you must be made to Sarah Mallagh of the HSE for giving her valuable time to attend as the key-note speaker and deliver an update on the Hidden Killer campaign.

For those members who were able to attend the AGM in person they would have heard me explain that my involvement with UKATA stems from the desire to make a difference. Frustrated at standing on the side lines shouting at the players, I determined to become involved in the game. Co-opted onto the Technical and Training Committee in 2008; elected in my own right to the Executive Committee in 2009; re-elected in 2010, and now serving as Chairman it has been a busy few years. I firmly believe that aided and assisted by the other members of the Executive Committee, the Sub-Committees and sterling efforts of the support staff, UKATA can confidently say that they have made a difference in the standards and delivery of asbestos training across the UK in that time.

Looking ahead, over the coming year, I intend to devote my time to further developing UKATA as the leading Asbestos Training Association in the UK. We now have in place, the Trainer Knowledge Assessment System for those of our members who require additional trainers to be recognised by UKATA. We are also in the process of implementing a Standard Certification and Registration System across our membership to help standardise asbestos training certification and provide an accurate headcount of persons trained by UKATA members.

Despite our success thus far, we have to recognise that UKATA is still a relatively young organisation and we still have a long way to go. To assist we are to establish a number of additional sub-committees to further develop UKATA as the foremost and recognised Asbestos Training Association. The additional sub-committees include a Standards and Ethics Committee that will be drawn from our members, along with a Marketing and Development Committee to help promote and advance awareness of UKATA across all sectors. As a final point I would like to add that if anyone wishes to get involved in these or any other of the sub-committees please let the office know of your interest. Members particularly interested in acting as lay-persons at their level of membership on the Standards and Ethics Committee will be greatly welcomed to join.

Mike Smith.

UKATA now offer Corporate Membership.

Corporate membership is open to Companies, Organisations, Councils, Clients etc who have taken the step of accepting UKATA training as a recognised standard, and as such have implemented an Internal Policy stating so.

By becoming a Corporate Member, these entities are demonstrating their commitment in making difference and by understanding risk showing that they care about their workforce, asbestos and the need for training.

Corporate Membership has a range of benefits and promotional advantages. For further information on what becoming a Corporate member will mean to you, or if you of any type of organisation who may be interested, please contact Paul Beaumont in the first instance. marketing@ukata.org.uk 07949498404

Executive Committee 2011/12

Category C – Licensed Training (9 Directors + Chairman)

Mike Smith	-	Cape Plc (Retained as UKATA Chairman through resolution)
John Corr	-	ACAD
Terry Jago	-	ARCA
Jim Caldwell	-	Circa Consultants
Eddie Strong	-	Ferncroft Environmental Ltd (UKATA Vice Chair/Membership Chair)
Steve Watkins	-	Hertel (UK) Ltd (Technical and Training Chair)
Andrew Cottrell	-	Life Environmental Services
Dave Nichol	-	Nichol Associates Ltd
Andy Ellis	-	Noble Health & Safety Consultancy Ltd
Terry Barker	-	TASC (Treasurer)

Category B – Non- Licensed Training (2 Directors)

Chris Bishop	-	Asbestos Consulting & Training LLP (Standards Committee Chair)
Kevin Thomas	-	CWE Training Ltd

Category A – Asbestos Awareness (3 Directors)

Roger Willey (Prof)	-	ACS Physical Risk Control Ltd
Alan Willoughby	-	Coal Consultants Ltd
Jess Scott	-	Oracle Solutions Ltd (Marketing Committee Chair)

Sub-Committee members and roles within UKATA were decided at the Executive Committee meeting held on the 28th March.

Administration – Gill Lewis, Debbie Nixon, and Jackie Peat

Development and Marketing – Paul Beaumont

UKATA are proud to announce the inclusion of our 100th member.

UKATA 100th Member

This demonstrates the commitment and acceptance of a recognised training association in the specialised area of asbestos.

But it doesn't stop there; membership of UKATA is continuing to grow, with more and more clients insisting on UKATA delivered training, new applications are coming thick and fast. Again demonstrating that what UKATA do is what the industry needs.

If you deliver asbestos training at any level, from general asbestos awareness to fully licensed training and are not yet a UKATA Member, contact us and demonstrate to your clients that you have what it takes to be UKATA.

UKATA, the name for asbestos training for the UK

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UKATA Technical and Training (T&T)

By Steve Watkins, Chairman T&T

It is fair to say that the last 12 months has seen considerable developments with Technical and Training ensuring the professional development of UKATA as the leading asbestos training association.

We are foremost a sub-committee that aspires to serve our members and my team provides a rock solid work ethic, giving days of free time in ensuring that the technical and training scope and objectives that were set back in February 2010 were met.

I would like to thank again my committee and their employers for allowing them the valuable time to serve UKATA. I must say that once again all have unselfishly created such a positive impact on helping supply our membership with quality support materials.

2010 T&T team were as follows:

Mike Smith UKATA Chairman, Peter Robinson UKATA Vice Chairman, Satish Patel ARCA, Peter Austin REC Ltd, Mike Wilkes, David Stanley and Les Lowe

The scope of work set at the 2010 UKATA AGM for Technical and Training were:

- Question Bank categories C, B and A complete revision (3) and revision (4) Complete
- NVQ level 2 - pilot scheme ACAD / Hertel UK Ltd complete
- Review existing T&T documents for practical training facilities for both category (C) & (B) complete
- Category B training syllabus T&T work completed - handed over too Joint UKATA Category 2 work group / HSE Policy
- Category C practical training- ongoing formation of category C sub group formed.
- Assisted membership with Tutor Testing with Technical and Training providing significant supplement towards the tutor testing question bank complete.

A late comer that I added onto the scope was for UKATA to create a training syllabus for ancillary licence holders (suppliers) of asbestos related plant and equipment. The financial gain for UKATA is minimal but we felt that UKATA, given its position within the asbestos industry should provide the syllabus to assist raising standards in this area.

I am also very proud of the work on the question bank in not only completing revision (3) in 2010 but listening to members and taking on board our own ongoing vision to improve upon, we also started and completed the 4th revision, and now have a very healthy question bank with all modules more equalised and weighted.

Even more challenging was the non licensed syllabus work for category (B) that I must confess, created a lot of debate and at times the occasional “oh well back to the drawing board” moments and that was just the T&T committee meetings.

We managed to produce, as far as T&T was concerned, some excellent work that was handed over to an equally dedicated and newly created non licensed subcommittee category (B) consisting of Jim Caldwell, Professor Roger Willey and Tina Ward, who could finalise a training matrix and fine tune the documents.

This the subcommittee did before it was handed over to the HSE’s Dr Martin Gibson and HSE policy unit, we are now awaiting the HSE’s response. I think we will only get HSE approval once they have finalised their own new non licensed guidance.

T&T also assisted membership with the tutor testing question bank, with myself also joining the Membership Committee to support Eddie Strong with the good work he was doing

I will continue to serve on the ALG Technical subcommittee in that ensuring that the training side of licensed asbestos has a voice and input wherever required.

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What about 2011

As mentioned, Technical and Training have also assisted in the formation of a new sub committee (C) with purpose of developing best practices into attainment of practical training that ultimately will work on licensed training. I am sure though that this will also provide the framework for category (B) non- licensed practical training as well.

We will also take another look at the main members question bank and start working on revision (5) ensuring that it evolves and never stagnates.

The ancillary license syllabus will also be worked on and completed I am sure in a timely manner.

Once again many thanks to all members of UKATA for kindly receiving our report at the AGM and a special thanks to the UKATA administration team who tirelessly support our meetings.

I will keep you all updated of technical and training progress through regional road shows and of course this news later.

Thanks again

Steve Watkins Technical and Training Committee Chairman

The Hidden Killer – the Story so far

The Hidden Killer Campaign by the HSE was originally released in the North West of England in March 2007, followed by national campaigns in October 2008, November 2009 and January 2010.

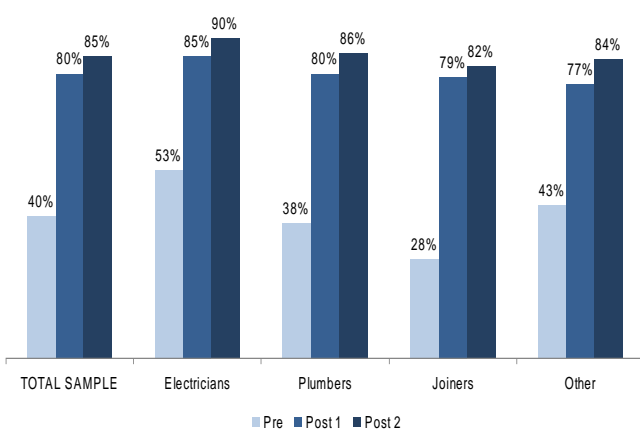
The campaign is still running, with information readily available from the HSE website.

LEARN MORE @ <http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/hiddenkiller/index.htm>

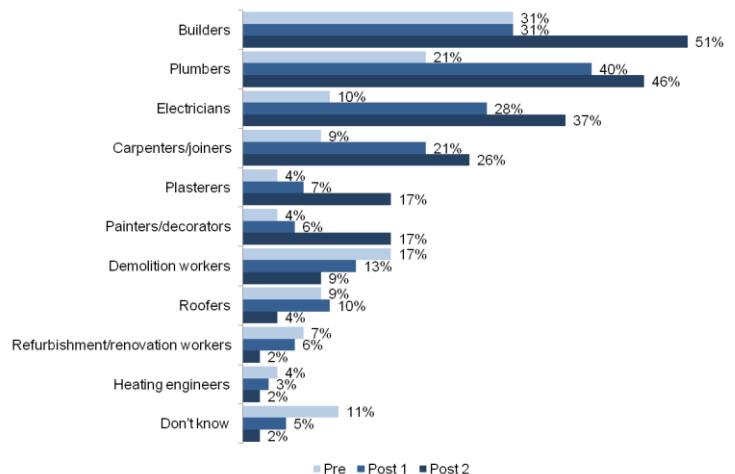
The Hidden Killer website and information made available has helped protect people from asbestos throughout the construction and related industries.

Since the campaigns launch, the level of awareness toward asbestos has shown to have increased substantially, with 85% of respondents claiming to be aware of some advertising or publicity.

Chart identifying publicity awareness and campaign recognition on the risks of asbestos in the workplace



Awareness, understanding and attitudes towards asbestos



The charts identify a greater element for awareness and an understanding of risk, however the work is far from over. There is still a need to get the Hidden Killer message out, people to training and retrain. 4000 deaths per year and rising is still not acceptable. *Charts courtesy of Sarah Mallag, HSE taken from presentation delivered at the UKATA AGM*

UKATA Training Certificate Register -

UKATA are again leading the way in the asbestos training market by the introduction of a certification scheme for all persons who have received training delivered by a UKATA Member.

The scheme has primarily been set up to quantify and record the number of people trained. Over the last 9 years since the introduction of Regulation 9 of CAWR 2002, now Reg 10 CAR 2006, thousands of trades' people have been trained across the UK but little if any record has been kept, or is available. The certification scheme will assist in collating this level of information.

Data Protection and Security – Concern was raised at the AGM regarding Data Protection. UKATA can assure you that we will not be requesting any sensitive information from our members. In particular were the details of our members clients, UKATA can assure you that we do not request of these details, in fact the only information required are: The Candidates name, the date of training and expiry and, dependent on the level of training they have received, the title of the course and where relevant or required, the modules delivered and photo.

The Certification Scheme will also allow for a unified certificate layout. Again problems have been identified by the Clients, Contractors and the Authorities when certificates are presented due to each of our members having a certificate laid out in their own style. What this scheme has been set up to provide is a quick and easy method of entering details, then the ability to email or print the certificate at the members own location that is a set layout that is clear and reader friendly. The members' unique 'UKATA Number' is printed along with the name of the trainer, and where required, your company logo.

The scheme is currently voluntary at all three levels of membership but will become mandatory in the not too far future for CAT A, followed closely after by CAT B, then CAT C.

UKATA are happy to offer advice and if required run a demonstration Of the scheme should anyone be interested.

Please contact Paul Beaumont or Eddie Strong for further details.



HSE Training Pledge – 4000 deaths, 4000 hours

At a previous UKATA Executive meeting, Charlotte Dunstan of the HSE Policy Unit was invited to present information on a proposal for a HSE promoted 'Training Pledge'.

The pledge is being devised to acknowledge and promote awareness of the 4000 deaths per year from exposure to asbestos. It is proposed that any UKATA member who wishes to be involved in the pledge offer free training hours to help achieve the goal of 4000 hours.

UKATA believe that this Pledge is a positive way to promote the risk of exposure to asbestos and have, as such, embraced the proposal.

Inclusion in the Pledge is totally voluntary. Any UKATA member who joins and delivers the free hours will be listed on the HSE Training Website.

It is hoped that the final details of the Pledge will be released in the imminent future, such as minimum and maximum donated hours, however, it is suggested that any member wishing to be included, register their interest as soon as possible. Any member wishing to be included in the Training Pledge, please contact UKATA, or Paul Beaumont for further details.

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www.ukata.org.uk

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Associate Members

The FMB (The Federation of Master Builders)

Brian Coates & Co. (General) Ltd

The NICEIC/UKATA partnership goes live



The Partnership between UKATA and the NICEIC is now up and running.

The NICEIC have now released their training Prospectus that clearly identifies asbestos training as one of the services on offer through the NICEIC in partnership with UKATA.

Training is offered at Cat A and Cat B, as these are the 2 levels seen to be required by electricians and members of the NICEIC, although Cat C is available to NICEIC members if requested.

The Partnership is seen as a very positive way forward in promoting the risk of asbestos exposure to one of the key trades currently identified to be at risk.

In addition to the prospectus, the NICEIC have a web page identifying the requirement for asbestos training among their members. To view the website, follow this link: <http://www.niceic.com/training/asbestos>

The NICEIC partnership requires our members to have recognised and audit premises for those wishing to become involved, this stems from poor quality historic training being delivered from the back of vans and inappropriate venues.

It is hoped that by developing partnership such as the one with the NICEIC, UKATA may begin to get training into the sectors that need it.

Still work to do!

Seventy Berkshire children in science blast asbestos scare. About 70 primary school children have been exposed to asbestos when a science lesson explosion lifted ceiling tiles releasing dust in a Berkshire school hall. Pupils were evacuated from the hall at St Mary's in Kintbury, Hungerford, when a chemical test involving a hydrogen balloon caused a "sonic reaction". Health and safety officers kept the children's uniforms for testing and the pupils were sent home in their PE kits. The hall has been sealed off and all parents have been informed. The ceiling tiles were "insulating board" and contained asbestos.

HSE have lifted an improvement notice 22 months after Enforcement action was take on the Highland Council for putting staff and pupils at risk from asbestos in the majority of their schools.

On 28th March 2011 the HSE finally lifted the improvement notice they had served on the Highland council in May 2009 for a "*Failure to prepare and implement written plans that identify those parts of school premises in which asbestos is, or is liable to be present and that specify the measures necessary for adequately managing the risk.*"

The Council were unaware where the asbestos was in 123 of their 197 schools, and had failed to manage the asbestos.

There were two breaches under the Health and Safety at Work Act for failing to ensure the health and safety of their employees at their schools and for exposing the parents and children to a risk to their health and safety.

There were three further breaches under the Control of Asbestos Regulations for failures in asbestos management and a failure to train their employees.

BBC report Highlands Schools' asbestos Improvement notice lifted. 1st April 2011

Articles submitted by Mr Michael Lees of Asbestos in Schools. www.asbestosexposureschools.co.uk

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