



## TEAM DEFENCE INFORMATION BULLETIN

### September 2022

#### News digest and look ahead to TD-Info Events

Please note all links provided are to our website at [www.teamdefence.info](http://www.teamdefence.info) and many are accessible to registered members only. To register please go to the top right-hand side of the home page, click on Register, complete the form and you will receive login details in a welcome email, along with guidance on using the website. We avoid images in this bulletin as many defence-related organisations apply email filters that reject emails containing them.

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#### Introduction from our Managing Director, Phil Williams

"And Summer's lease hath all too short a date." (W. Shakespeare)

Although autumn is approaching, it still feels continentally warm as thoughts turn to the new term, a term that promises to be as busy as ever.

With the setting up of the Defence Artificial Intelligence Centre, the development of a "Futures" group and an Integrated Product Support conference in Vienna looming, there is much to do.

Furthermore, with three major conferences in the first half of 2023, planning is already underway and opportunities for engagement with our three 3\*s, Lt Gen Richard Wardlaw, Adrian Baguley and Charlie Forte abound.

Some changes in the office at Team Defence Information, with Wendy retiring and Jack Thompson joining us. Welcome Jack, and many thanks Wendy – enjoy your retirement!

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#### Future Conferences

**Operational infrastructure and the drive for self-sustainment conference 26-27 September 2022 Royal Engineers Museum, Chatham**

The Institute of Royal Engineers and Team Defence Information are pleased to announce this conference. The event will take place over two days at the RE Museum Chatham, with a light

buffet and drinks for networking on the evening of the 26 September. Confirmed speakers include:

- Air Cdr Ange Baker, HD Futures and Sustainability
- Lt Col Nelson Royal Engineers
- Lt Col Adam Foley Programme Integration Department
- Lt Col Gary Allen, Royal School Military Engineering
- President Brig Richard Brown, Institute of Royal Engineers
- Helen Randell UKStratCom, Head Infra Optimisation

Come and join us to discuss many of these challenges and shape the future. Click [here](#) or contact [Dr Andie Mitchell-Johnson](#).

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**Hold the date - Support Chain Seminar - 18-19 January 2023**

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## Future Events/Meetings

(Check the [What's On](#) section of the website for the up-to-date list of events and links to register.)

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### Team Defence Information Strategy Group 7 September 2022 - 10.00 to 12.00 - Palantir, 20 Soho Square, London

The Strategy Group has been established to interpret the 3\* Advisory Board's bi-annual areas of strategic focus along with outputs from the Team Defence Information Council to sponsor and approve Team Defence Information activities which align to these top-level objectives. For further information, please contact [Philippa Arter](#).

### Joint Information Standards Co-ordination Team (JISCOT) Online - 7 September 2022 - 13.45-16.00

The mission of the JISCOT is to co-ordinate for the UK, the MOD and industry representation in the identification, development, deployment and maintenance of a coherent set of standards to meet the needs of UK Defence. To find out more, contact [Ciaran Dodd](#).

### UK Simplified Technical English Working Group - 8 September 2022 - 13.30-15.00 (online)

The UK Simplified Technical English Working Group (UKSTEWG) is a group of representatives from leading UK organisations and companies that use Simplified Technical English (STE). The main purpose of the UKSTEWG is to understand the UK's requirement for STE, promote STE in the UK, be a source of information and guidance on STE. To find out more, contact [Ciaran Dodd](#).

### Industry Customer Engagement Forum 12 September 2022 - 13.00-15.00 - MOD Corsham, Westwells Road, Hawthorn

Industry access to MOD's Enterprise Directory remains closed as this bulletin goes to press. Users are reminded that an alternative service – the EMS directory – is available at <http://Iti01a.emsed.r.mil.uk/>. A progress report to cover this extended outage is on the agenda for the next Industry Customer Engagement Forum on 12 September 2022. For more information, contact [Tony Butler](#).

### **Call to Action: Engineering Support – Digital Inspection RFI - 22 September 2022 - 10.00-11.00**

**Aim:** Call to action for industry to support a market analysis of digital inspection use cases and technology.

**Task Summary:** This task will assist the Engineering Support Transformation (EST) team in evaluating the range of use cases and technologies that use digital scanning capabilities for inspection maintenance and creation of digitised engineering drawings. This will help inform prioritised investment and development of policy for digital engineering and inspection.

#### **Task Governance:**

- Task sponsor - Phil Tullit
- MOD lead - Anne Beven
- Industry lead - Steve Evans

#### **Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Present strawman structure
3. Outline task schedule
4. RFI
5. Call for volunteers to support collation and reporting

Register to attend [here](#).

### **TD-Info Town Hall Meeting - 28 September - 10.45-13.00 - Active Conference Centre, Thornbury BS35 3JB**

The Team Defence Executive Team meet monthly to guide the broad portfolio of TD-Info activities.

Recently, the team agreed to trial a quarterly “townhall” session. At these sessions, we will have presentations on specific activities from those involved and update members on wider progress from the TDI portfolio. This will be a physical meeting at Thornbury Leisure Centre and an agenda will be issued over the next few weeks. Please [register](#) your plans to attend so we can monitor numbers for the space.

### **Integrated product Support (IPS) CoP (formerly SCSEWG) - 29 September - 10.45-12.30 - TD-Info Office, 6a Pinkers Court, Briarlands Office Park, Bristol**

Click [here](#) to register or contact [Pierre Delamotte](#) to find out more.

### **ASD-STE100 Simplified Technical English (STE) Online Training Course - 3-6 October - 09.00-12.30 (every day)**

This course is a practical introduction for those who will use STE like technical authors or engineers in any sector including aerospace and defence. To find out more, click [here](#) or email [Ciaran Dodd](#).

**TD-Info Futures: Low Carbon Bases Workshop - 6 October - 10.00-14.00 - Frazer-Nash Consultancy, Narrow Quay House, Bristol, BS1 4QA**

The aim of this workshop is to explore how the carbon footprint of deployed operational bases can be reduced. The task is to increase understanding of Defence's operational infrastructure carbon footprint and how through design, commercially available solutions and emerging technology low carbon deployments can be realised. To register click [here](#) or contact [Steve Green](#)

**Read the latest TD-Info Futures update for September 2022 [here](#).**

**Team Defence Information developing support for MOD DE&S Future Capability Group (FCG)**

TD-Info continues to actively support and assist the FCG in kick-starting key initiatives identified jointly by DE&S and MOD Front Line Commands (FLCs), this is called the Open Innovation Laboratory (OIL). OIL in summary - Joint Strategy: Coherent, thought collaboration focal point for Industry engagement, consistent messaging, and communication across industry sectors About: Command focused and sponsored problems/opportunities that are outcome based to enable exploitation and acquisition of products, upgrades, and services. How? By the exploitation and utilization of the most appropriate existing Working Group or community Collaborating with: MOD problem owners and funders, Defence Primes and OEMs, Established tier suppliers, Solution architects and systems integrators, other sector supply chains, SMEs. Current activities and those at the early planning stage include:

- **Application Programme Interfaces for Robotic & Autonomous Systems (API4RAS) Task** – Team Defence Information is producing a paper to generate collaboration and a call to action around Application Programme Interfaces for Robotic & Autonomous Systems (API4RAS). Through collaboration, diversity of thought and learning from across sectors we will generate valuable insight to inform FCG's direction around Modular Open Systems Approaches to robotics and automation in the battlefield. We will deliver our findings before the end of the year so please get involved, simply track our progress, or just read and exploit the outputs.
- **High Value Manufacture Centre of Expertise** - The launch event of the HVM CoE was hosted at AMRC Sheffield. With a broad range of attendees from across MOD, industry, and academia the discussions have helped shape the CoE direction and areas for investigation. Future engagement will be facilitated through the creation of a community of interest that will be facilitated by TD-Info OIL. Immediate main effort will be delivering Additive Manufacturing (AdM) as a service (Project TAMPA), supporting the Challenge Workstream and co-chairing the digital thread. Future topics will include Advanced Materials, Composites & Light Weighting; Advanced Manufacture; In-Service Support; and Digital Thread. The next HVM CoE will convene in October.
- **Operational Energy (OpEn) COE** – The OpEn COE is investigating a range of energy vectors. The intent is to help inform Defence decisions on energy transition. This engagement will help understand different sectoral approaches and how they might apply in a deployed operational energy context. Previous COE engagements have investigated battery technologies and power management. The next engagement will bring together different views on Hydrogen. Details are being finalised and registration for the event will open shortly.
- **Agile Commercial Practices** - Accessing talent and contracting for outcomes to deliver sprints and enable iterative development calls for new approaches to contracting. Earlier in August 22 small focus group workshops took place imparting knowledge of different commercial framework approaches. The best practice and pitfalls of each were captured and will be used to inform FCG route to market options.

Futures Lab - Team Defence Information is pleased to be working alongside Futures Lab, a Future Capability Group service that draws together bespoke, pan-industry and academic collaborative teams to deliver decision support to defence. Keep your eye out for events and

opportunities we'll be sharing across our networks. Follow [Futures Lab on LinkedIn](#) to find out more.

These activities build upon the new engagement approach outlined in the [FCG Industry Engagement Strategy](#) released in July 2021. If you would like more information on OIL please contact either [Steve Green](#) or [Darin Tudor](#).

**Read the latest briefing (September 2022) on Multi-Domain Integration (MDI) [here](#).**

To find out more or to get involved, contact [Steve Worsnip](#).

### **Defence Digital Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Industry Day – details to follow**

Defence Digital are showcasing approaches to enable SMEs, alongside larger industry partners, to work more effectively with them in a by-invitation, industry day (expected late October/early November but venue and timings will be announced soon.) Led by AVM David Arthurton and senior leaders from across Defence Digital, the day will outline latest developments including presentations by Commercial-X and updates on the progress of the Foundry. If you would like more information or details for registration, please contact [Tony Butler](#).

### **Defence Digital are in the planning stages for their Defence Artificial Intelligence Centre (DAIC)**

Defence Digital and will be inviting businesses to work with them to develop the foundations upon which DAIC will be built. Amongst early activities proposed are the drafting of production and assurance models – more will follow. If you are interested in supporting this important project - or would like to share experiences gained in establishing AI capabilities in practice - then please get in touch with [Tony Butler](#).

### **The Joint Economic Data Hub (JEDHub) seeks UK-listed companies that produce defence goods and services for the UK MOD, international governments, or other businesses to complete their survey by 31 October 2022.**

The Joint Economic Data Hub (JEDHub), based in the UK Defence Solutions Centre, is a collaborative initiative to improve understanding of the defence sector's contribution to the UK economy. The survey, hosted on an all-new digital platform, will capture data on turnover, employment, supply chains and workforce demographics within the sector. The findings from the survey will support the 2022 JEDHub Annual Economic Report. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

### **Expression of interest (EOI) Futures Lab – Expeditionary Water Generation and Recycling**

Click [here](#) to find out more.

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## **Recent publications**

**MOD will officially announce statistics regarding trade, industry and contracts in September 2023 (provisional).** Click [here](#).

**DE&S Desider Magazine - [August 2022](#).**

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## External Events

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### Defence IQ's Disruptive Technology for Defence Transformation Conference - 27-29 September 2022 - discount for TD-Info Members

TD-Info members can obtain a 15% discount by using the discount code TDINFO15. Register your place and see the full conference agenda [here](#).

### IPS User Forum 2022 Future Integrated Product Support - 17-20 October 2022 - Vienna, Austria

The IPS User Forum 2022 in Vienna is the first User Forum worldwide for Integrated Product Support (IPS), also known as Integrated Lifecycle Support (ILS), bringing together ALL relevant S-Series IPS Specifications in one single event. To register or find out more, click [here](#).

### IDGA's Defense Logistics & Support Conference - 25-26 October 2022 - Washington, DC

To register or to find out more, click [here](#).

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### COVID-19 – TD-Info Remote Working

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