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ISTC news

Get involved with ISTC projects

The ISTC is run by its members for its members, and depends on volunteers for its success. Besides being essential to the success of the organisation, volunteering is a good way for you to develop new skills, build your network and extend your professional development portfolio. Below are some of the opportunities available now. If you're interested in volunteering for any of the tasks, please contact marketing@istc.org.uk.

School lesson plan on technical communication

As part of the way in which the ISTC can promote technical communication, we're looking for someone who can develop a lesson plan on technical communication.

This would be published on the ISTC

website for teachers to use. The plan could include some exercises in writing instructions, organising a table of contents and researching a subject.

Day in the life of a technical communicator videos

The ISTC wants to encourage technical communicators to tell their own story. We've created a 'day in the life' playlist on YouTube for this purpose, and we now need some videos to add to it. These videos will be embedded into the ISTC's website, as well as being on YouTube.

You can help by sharing with others what it's like for you to be a technical communicator.

The videos don't need to be highly polished - recordings from a smartphone would be fine - and we can help with editing and final production if you wish.

They don't need to be very long either. It could be three or four minutes on what your company does, what your role is within the company, what you enjoy about the work, and, (if that's the case) why you are an ISTC member.

The more videos we have, the more representative the playlist will be.

If you can create a video clip, you just need to send it (or a link to it) to the ISTC's main email address, and we'll do the rest. If you want to upload it to your own YouTube account, that's fine, as we can still add it to the playlist.

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Introductory primer articles on technical communication

We're looking for volunteers to write some introductory primer articles for the ISTC website that will help explain different aspects of technical communication.

The topics are:

- What is technical communication?
- What do technical communicators do?
- What is localisation?
- What is technical illustration?
- What's the difference between technical communication and copywriting?
- Where do technical communicators work?
- When is it a legal requirement to provide a user guide?

The intended audience would be managers, students, journalists, and anyone else who is curious about technical communication. Each article should be around 500-800 words.

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ISTC local area groups

Thames Valley Group social

This group will be having its second get together at The Bird in Hand Country Inn, Knowl Hill, Reading on Tuesday, 2 December 2014. This is a free social event and is open to anyone who'd like to meet and chat with other tech writers, whether or not they are members of any tech writing organisation so if you have any colleagues who are not members of the ISTC but would like to attend, please let them know.

To give the event a seasonal feel, bring along a favourite Christmas carol, and we'll have a go at rewriting them.

The Bird in Hand has reasonable food, good local beer and is easy to get to from M4 and M40.

So we can anticipate numbers, please register your interest using the Eventbrite link:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thames-valley-area-monthly-meet-tickets-14224244097.

The organiser for this event is Darren Mitcham who can be contacted by email: thamesvalley_areagroup@istc.org.uk.

ISTC London Group meeting report

The ISTC London group met on 30 October, at the London Canal Museum, a fascinating new venue for the group. The group heard a presentation from David Farbey, outgoing chair of the TCUK conference, about the major themes of TCUK 2014, and his talk was followed by a lively discussion. After the meeting group members went on to a local pub for more refreshment.

Just 5 minutes walk from Kings Cross station, the London Canal Museum sits beside a basin off the Regent's Canal. The building was originally an ice house – where ice imported from Norway was cut stored before being distributed by barge. The museum houses a fascinating collection of artefacts from the largely forgotten pre-railways age, when canal barges were a major means of commercial transport.

ISTC London Group end-of-year social

The next meeting of the London Group is an end-of-year social, which will be held on 11 December 2014, at the Two Chairmen pub, near Trafalgar Square. For more details see:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/istc-london-group-social-evening-tickets-11942296731.

This event is open to anyone interested in meeting up with other technical communicators, whether they are ISTC members or not. There is no cost for this event but please use the link above to book so we know how many people to expect.

MadSIG meeting

MadSIG will meet on 21 January 2015 at the offices of 3di in Ripley, Surrey, from 7pm onwards. We plan to watch a recent MadCap webinar, eat cake, and share our Flare experiences. If you'd like to join us, please book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/madsig-meeting-wednesday-21st-january-2015-ripley-tickets-14403943583 so we know you're coming.

Current ISTC local area groups

Contact your nearest area or special interest group on the email shown below. If you're interested in setting up either an area group or a special interest group, please contact our area groups manager Tom Dumic at: areagroupsmanager@istc.org.uk.

Area groups:

Name	Leader	Email Contact Details
Cambridge	Derek Cooper or Jeff Bronks	cambridge_areagroup@istc.org.uk
Central South	Co-ordinator wanted	areagroupsmanager@istc.org.uk
East of Scotland	George Lewis	eastscotland_areagroup@istc.org.uk
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ISTC Irish Group	Adrian Rush	irishgroup@istc.org.uk
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Southern	Marjorie Jones	southernengland_areagroup@istc.org.uk
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Yorkshire	Nick Tonge	yorkshire_areagroup@istc.org.uk

Special interest groups:

Name	Leader	Email Contact Details
MadSIG	Marjorie Jones, Tom Bridley Kai Weber	MadSIG@istc.org.uk
Oil & Gas	Chris Knowles	oilandgas@istc.org.uk

Using Eventbrite to register attendance at area group meetings

Some area group meetings are posted on Eventbrite and where this is the case, we asked anyone expecting to attend to register online using this event management service. You can see a list of ISTC related events by visiting: www.eventbrite.com/org/495786380.

A plea: if you know you're not going to be able to attend a meeting that you've registered for, could you please contact the organiser, even if it is at short notice.

ISTC groups on LinkedIn

The ISTC has a number of LinkedIn groups for its members. Have you joined the relevant groups?

ISTC group: www.linkedin.com/groups/Institute-Scientific-Technical-Communicators-1858546/about.



This group has a number of sub groups for:

- ISTC NW Area Group
www.linkedin.com/groups/ISTC-NW-Area-Group-2445779/about
- Southern Area Group
www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4795279
- Thames Valley Area Group
www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4805266
- ISTC Midlands Area Group
www.linkedin.com/groups/ISTC-West-Midlands-Area-Group-4835591/about

- South Wales Group
www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5161265
- West of Scotland Area Group
www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5081412
- ISTC Oil and Gas
www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5023918

There are other area groups which aren't sub groups of the ISTC one:

- Cambridge Technical Communicators
www.linkedin.com/groups/Cambridge-Technical-Communicators-1805651/about
- Irish Technical Writers – An ISTC Area Group
www.linkedin.com/groups/Irish-Technical-Writers-ISTC-Area-3369559/about
- MadCap UK and Europe Users Group
www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5081593

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www.simplified-english.co.uk



Business affiliate news

Lionbridge to acquire CLS Communication

Lionbridge Technologies, Inc. has announced a definitive agreement to acquire CLS Communication, a privately-held provider of translation solutions to clients in the financial services, industrial, public sector and life sciences markets. The combination of Lionbridge and CLS will address growing demand for integrated, technology-enabled translation solutions that allow organisations to create, translate and manage digital content worldwide.

Lionbridge expects to purchase CLS Communication for approximately 74 million Swiss Francs, or approximately \$77 million US Dollars in cash, subject to estimated cash and debt adjustments at closing and certain post-closing adjustments. The acquisition is being funded using Lionbridge's existing cash and a new credit facility through its long-standing banking partner, HSBC, who is acting as the leading syndicator.

'As organisations continue to expand their online engagement across geographies and channels, the demand for integrated, global-

scale translation services is accelerating,' said Rory Cowan, CEO, Lionbridge. 'CLS is the ideal partner for Lionbridge with a proven track record of providing high-quality professional solutions to clients in diverse, highly-regulated industries. With highly complementary geographic reach and vertical market expertise, we believe this business combination positions Lionbridge as the clear market leader in global translation and content solutions worldwide.' Headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, with operations in 10 countries in Europe, North America and Asia, CLS provides Lionbridge with complementary geographic coverage and several long-standing, multi-million dollar relationships with clients in the financial services, industrial, public sector and life sciences markets. The Company has approximately 600 professionals including global program managers, linguists and language technology experts who create, optimise and translate highly complex technical, marketing and regulatory content for world leading brands.

'CLS realises significant benefits by joining forces with Lionbridge,' said Matthias Trumpy, CEO of CLS Communication. 'We expect to gain additional market presence and a proven global delivery platform to complement our existing operations. Our

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employees and clients will benefit from becoming part of a larger organisation with a broader suite of solutions that span the full lifecycle of global content.'

Lionbridge expects the acquisition to close in the first quarter of 2015.

'As we focus on deploying our language technology, optimising our combined operations, and reducing redundant overhead costs, we expect rapid synergies

About Lionbridge

Lionbridge enables more than 800 world-leading brands to increase international market share, speed adoption of products and effectively engage their customers in local markets worldwide. Using our innovative cloud technology platforms and our global crowd of more than 100,000 professional cloud workers, we provide translation, online marketing, global content management and application testing solutions that ensure global brand consistency, local relevancy and technical usability across all touch points of the customer lifecycle. Based in Waltham, Mass., Lionbridge maintains solution centres in 26 countries. To learn more, visit: www.lionbridge.com.

of the combined business. This allows us to accelerate our path to double digit EBITDA margin in 2016 as a combined business and accelerate our end market diversification,' continued Cowan. For more information, visit: www.lionbridge.com/lionbridge-acquire-market-leading-translation-solutions-firm-cls-communications.

Industry news

Call for nominations

TCEurope Honours Award for Outstanding Service to Technical Communication 2015

The TCeurope Honours Award in the form of a certificate is given every two years to recognise and honour the work by European professionals in the field of technical communication.

The TCe Honours Award is open to European individuals, groups, teams or organisations who have contributed valuable services to technical communication in Europe.

The service can be anything that demonstrates the value of technical communication, improves working practices in the profession, or promotes the field of technical communication to wider

audiences. The service must extend beyond national boundaries to at least one other European country. The service provided can be long term or within the past 12 months.

The competition is open to anyone working in the field of technical communication in a European country, and is not restricted to the members of TCe associations.

Nominees can be:

- technical authors, technical illustrators, technical editors, documentation managers;
- teachers, trainers, course developers;
- organisations, such as professional associations, university departments;
- documentation teams.

Nominations should be presented in the form of a letter of recommendation. The letter can be written in any TCe language (English, Finnish, French, Portuguese or Swedish) but must include an English translation. Nominating yourself or your organisation is not allowed.

The letter of recommendation must include:

- the name of the person(s) or organisation;
- a summary of the achievement;

- an outline of the process used by the person or team, if known;
- a summary of the benefits from the person or team's action(s);
- (optional) samples of the person or team's work.

Send the letter of recommendation to award@tceurope.org.

The closing date for the call for nominations is 1 March 2015. The winner of the TCeurope Honours Award will be announced at the TCeurope Colloquium in Brussels on 17 April 2015.

For any queries, please contact: award@tceurope.org.

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Tech Comm on a map

Sarah Maddox – a technical writer, author and blogger based in Sydney – has provided an online resource called [Tech Comm on a Map](http://TechCommOnAMap.com) that displays all the 2015 technical communication conferences she's found so far. The map puts all technical communication titbits onto an interactive map, together with the data and functionality provided by Google Maps. As Sarah explains, it's a great way of seeing what we tech writers are up to around the world.



The map includes information about business and groups. Businesses are commercial organisations specialising in technical communication, such as consultancies, recruiters, publishers, independent technical writers, and so on. Groups include smaller groups and regular meet-ups of technical communicators, either as part of a larger society/association, or as an independent group.

Sarah invites you to take a look, and let her know if there are any more conferences, groups, businesses or societies to add.

To find out more about the project, or to add something to the map, check out the [project information page](#).

Blog news

Hello everyone. Here is this month's blog round up for you.

Raluca Budiu looks at non-fiction writing for tablets and the issues surrounding this:

www.nngroup.com/articles/nonfiction-ebooks/.

J. Boye is an international community of web and intranet professionals who network to share their digital knowledge and experience. Here Firehead share their J. Boye conference round up slides and overview:

<http://firehead.net/2014/11/conference-roundup-from-j-boye-aarhus-2014/>.

Sandijs Ruluks in his Froont blog looks at nine principles of responsive web design:

<http://blog.froont.com/9-basic-principles-of-responsive-web-design/>.

Sarah O'keefe discusses the role of technical communication in the customer experience:

www.tcworld.info/e-magazine/content-strategies/article/the-role-of-technical-communication-in-customer-experience/.

Cherryleaf's Elis Pratt reports on Draftback, a Google Docs add-on, and asks if it could reveal how Technical Authors actually write:

www.cherryleaf.com/blog/2014/11/draftback-could-it-reveal-how-technical-authors-actually-write/.

Do you have a blog? Let Ginny know so she can include it in her monthly review. Simply email ginny@cherryleaf.com.

Ginny has a background as a skilled trainer and information designer, and is responsible for the development of Cherryleaf's training courses. In addition to her skills in information design, she has over twenty years experience in teaching and training throughout the world. She is Cherryleaf's representative to the Institute of Scientific and Technical Communicators (ISTC).



Training courses

If you know of a training course that will be of interest to readers, please let us know. You can send details by email to newsletter.editor@istc.org.uk. Please try to give us plenty of notice. The deadline for receiving information for *InfoPlus*⁺ is 24th of the month preceding publication.

Listings are restricted to scheduled courses that are low cost or are in some way unusual. Listings are a service to members. A listing does not imply ISTC endorsement.

If you hear of any training courses that you think might be of interest to *InfoPlus*⁺ readers, please contact the Newsletter copyeditor at newsletter.editor@istc.org.uk.

If you would like to promote your course or event to ISTC members, why not consider giving ISTC members a discount for courses and events listed in our newsletter. For more information, please email istc@istc.org.uk.

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4-5 Introduction to Adobe Captivate
Learn how to develop web enabled e-learning modules and interactive software simulations.

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.

www.armada.co.uk/captivate-training-course.

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9 Trends in Technical Communication Course – Advanced Technical Writing Techniques
Our next course will be held in central London (close to South Kensington underground station).
www.cherryleaf.com/training/trends-in-technical-communication-workshop-advanced-technical-writing-techniques/.

15-16 Introduction to Adobe RoboHelp
This course is for beginners and teaches how to use RoboHelp to create online help in most popular formats.
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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.
www.armada.co.uk/robohelp-training-course.

15-16 DITA Introductory Training Course
This 2-day course is for users coming from unstructured authoring tools who want to learn to author DITA content using the structured authoring tool of their choice. You will benefit from comprehensive instruction enabling you to become productive immediately with or without a CMS.

Mekon Ltd, Sutton, Surrey. Cost: £750.00 / €985.00 per person per course

www.mekon.com/index.php/pages/services/dita-training-introduction-to-dita/services.

17 Intermediate Adobe RoboHelp
This course teaches the use of some of the more sophisticated features available in Adobe RoboHelp. The course covers the development of single-source projects from which you can generate both online help and high quality print documentation in Word and PDF formats, and teaches further techniques for using

RoboHelp in the most efficient way.
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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.
www.armada.co.uk/robohelp-training-course.

18 Publishing to mobile devices from RoboHelp
This course teaches how to publish content to a range of different devices including – Smart phones, such as iPods, Androids, BlackBerrys and Tablets such as iPads. Delegates learn about the new multiscreen HTML5 format, used to publish contemporary content to multiple channels, formats and screens.

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.
www.armada.co.uk/robohelp-training-course.

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8-9 **Adobe InDesign Introductory Course**

You will learn how to produce documentation from design concept right through to output. This 2-day course includes topic and theory sessions.

Mekon Ltd, Sutton, Surrey. Cost: £495.00 / €650.00 per person per course.

www.mekon.com/index.php/pages/services/adobe-indesign/training.

13-14 **Simplified Technical English**

Simplified Technical English is a controlled language used in the aerospace industry. This 2-day course will give you the skills to produce documentation that is easier to read and translate.

Mekon Ltd, Sutton, Surrey. Cost: £850.00 / €1,120.00 per person per course.

www.aerospace-defence.com/index.php/pages/training/asd-simplified-technical-english-specification/t-standards.

19-20 **DITA Open Toolkit Course**

If you are already up to speed on DITA but would like to find out more about customisation techniques then this is the course for you. This 2-day course guides participants through customisation techniques and tools for developing DITA Open Toolkit plugins.

Mekon Ltd, Sutton, Surrey, UK. Cost: £1,025.00 / €1,350.00 per person per course.

www.mekon.com/index.php/pages/services/dita-open-toolkit-customisation-training/services.

19-23 **Technical Authoring Training Programme**

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.

www.armada.co.uk/technical-author-training-course.

20-21 **Introduction to Adobe Photoshop**

Learn how to create and edit images using the de facto standard in the graphics industry. Techniques covered include colour correction, working with layers, compositing images and preparing images for use on the Web.

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.

www.armada.co.uk/photoshop-training-course.

22-23 **Introduction to Adobe Illustrator**

Provides you with the essential knowledge you need to create shapes, work with type and layers and apply effects and styles, giving you the basics to build on.

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.

www.armada.co.uk/illustrator-training-course.

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.

www.armada.co.uk/captivate-training-course.

27-28 Introduction to Adobe InDesign

Provides a comprehensive introduction to the powerful capabilities of InDesign, including setting up new documents, shapes, frames and using InDesign's most popular features.

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Armada, Bromsgrove, Midlands.

www.armada.co.uk/indesign-training-course.

29-30 Website creation essentials with Adobe Dreamweaver

Course for new or novice website designers, and anyone who is responsible for creating or updating web pages. Teaches how to design, develop and maintain a professional website using Dreamweaver. During the course, delegates create a fully functioning website, and receive a copy of their files to take away.

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www.armada.co.uk/dreamweaver-training-course.

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Event news

Seminar: *Managing risk and reward from Cloud, and the Internet of Everything and Everyone*

The emerging technologies of cloud computing, big data and the Internet of things provide new opportunities for organisations to be more agile and to connect with their customers, partners and associates in different ways. While these new technologies bring benefits they also bring risks and the challenge is to balance these risks against the rewards.

This seminar will lead you through the ways in which organisations are using the cloud successfully and provide a roadmap to help you avoid the pitfalls. It will describe the vision for the Internet of Everything and Everyone and the benefits that this could bring together with the security and privacy risks and provide advice on how to manage these. If your organisation is using or planning to use these technologies you will be able to benefit from the insights and practical advice provided by this seminar. As a delegate of this seminar you will also receive 3 months access to KuppingerCole's research for no further charge.

This seminar is based on the extensive research conducted by KuppingerCole and will be delivered by the industry expert and Fellow Analyst Mike Small CEng, FBCS, CITP.

Cloud Computing can change the way in which IT is paid for and increase the flexibility for it to respond to changing customer demands. However it is also easy to become locked in to a particular cloud service, to have to pay more than you expect and to be liable for more than you think. This seminar will lead you through the ways in which organisations are using the cloud successfully and provide a roadmap to help you avoid the pitfalls – this seminar will enable you to:

1. Describe the ways in which organisations have successfully used cloud computing.
2. Explain the real risks of cloud services and how to manage them.
3. Describe the how to procure a cloud service that is appropriate for your business needs.
4. Explain the meaning of the certifications that a cloud service providers offer.
5. Evaluate the cloud services that are already being used in your organisation.

The IoT (Internet of Things) is more an internet of everything and everyone. Behind every 'thing' there is a person; this may be a customer, a partner or an associate. For this reason KuppingerCole calls it the IoEE (Internet of Everything and Everyone). The information provided by the things make it possible for you to get closer to your customers, partners and associate to deliver better services to them and to provide better support. This seminar will describe the vision for the Internet of Everything and Everyone and the benefits that this could bring together with the security and privacy risks and how these risks are balanced by the rewards. It will enable you to:

1. Explain what the Internet of Things is and why this covers everything and everyone.
2. Describe the vision for the rewards from the Internet of Things.
3. Describe the different kinds of devices that are included in the Internet of Things.
4. Describe the security and privacy challenges of the Internet of Things.
5. Discuss the risks and rewards from the Internet of Things.

When

Thursday, January 29, 2015, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Where

BCS London, 1st Floor,
The Davidson Building,
5 Southampton Street
London WC2E 7HA

Cost

Delegate fee £480.00 plus VAT

Speaker

Mike Small, Information Security
Management Advisor, Fellow Analyst,
KuppingerCole

More information

You can register for this seminar at the following link: www.id-conf.com/events/n10222.

Events listings

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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thames-valley-area-monthly-meet-tickets-14224244097.

5-6 STC India 16th Annual Conference

This is a two-day programme for the largest gathering of technical communicators in India. This year the conference will explore S1000D, Cloud, DITA, XML, structured authoring, content management systems, translation and localization. Attended by writers, managers, documentation specialists from India and across the world.

www.stc-india.org/2014/06/16th-annual-stc-india-conference/.

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January 2015

- 21 MadSIG meeting**
MadSIG will meet at the offices of 3di in Ripley, Surrey, from 7pm onwards. We plan to watch a recent MadCap webinar, eat cake, and share our Flare experiences. If you'd like to join us, please book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/madsig-meeting-wednesday-21st-january-2015-ripley-tickets-14403943583 so we know you're coming.

February 2015

- 13-15 XML Prague**
A conference on markup languages and data on the web. Topics this year include Publishing for the 21st century, XML technologies and Big Data, Semantic visions and the reality, and Markup and the Extensible Web.
Prague, Czech Republic
www.xmlprague.cz

This section introduces new events and reminders of the most relevant events in the coming months. ISTC events are highlighted. You can view previous events listings on the ISTC website's Newsletter archive at www.istc.org.uk/Publications/Newsletter/newsletter.htm.