BINTA June Newsletter

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2015 Events so far

On the 2nd February BMTA held its 3rd Medical Laboratory Accreditation workshop at the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds. The workshop is run in conjunction with UKAS and is aimed at helping medical laboratories with the implementation of ISO 15189. This workshop was completely sold out. We therefore ran another Workshop on 2nd June this time at the Signing Tree conference centre Birmingham. This event was also sold out. Following on from the success of these events BMTA plans to hold a more general accreditation workshop as part of Lab Innovations and Advanced Engineering exhibitions being held at Birmingham NEC early in November (see upcoming events for more details).

BMTA also hosted a forum at this year's Engineering Integrity Society annual event 'Instrumentation, Analysis and Testing'. The event was held at Silverstone on the 17th March. BMTA's forum was titled 'Metrology – Saving Time, Money and Tempers and Reducing Waste'. The forum was presented by Nick Turner of Coventry University with contributions from BMTA and UKAS. BMTA also had a stand at this event.



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Upcoming Events 2015

14-15th July 2015 - Annual Dinner, AGM, Seminar and Site Visit, Teddington

The BMTA Annual Dinner will be held at the Park Hotel, Teddington, on 14th July. The AGM on 15th will be followed by a Teddington Campus Showcase event featuring the work of NPL, NMRO and LGC and including laboratory tours.

9th Sept 2015 – Measurements in Advanced Manufacturing, Glasgow

In the third in a series of seminars, BMTA is working with the AFRC to run a seminar and table top exhibition entitled 'Metrology for Complex Components in High Value Manufacturing'.

17th Sept 2015 – Asbestos Changes – Revolution or Evolution? Durham

For the sixth year running BMTA, in conjunction with SGS, is organising a seminar designed to bring asbestos practitioners up to date with wide ranging topics.

14th October 2015 – Technical Competency Event, Kettering

Speakers at this event will examine training and qualification needs for metrologists and laboratory staff. Topics will include methods of securing funding and training and apprenticeship products and supply. Discussions will include coverage of the Metrology Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group currently being promoted by NPL.

Autumn 2015 – The use of statistics for the control of analytical methods in accredited laboratories

Two seminars sponsored by BMTA member company CSols, to be held in Teddington 20th October and Manchester 19th November.

15th October 2015 – GTMA Make Measurement Matter Exhibition, Kettering

4-5th November 2015 – Lab Innovations Exhibition & Advanced Engineering Exhibition, NEC, Birmingham *In conjunction with these two important exhibitions, BMTA will run a Metrology Workshop at the NEC on 5 November. After initial presentations on developments at UKAS, BMTA and EUROLAB, the delegates will be divided into two workshops broadly covering (a) Dimensional Metrology and Advanced Engineering and (b) Laboratory-based Topics. Speakers from UKAS and other organisations will lead sessions on measurement uncertainty, traceability and verification and validation.*

BMTA would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Alicona UK Ltd, Acoustics Noise and Vibration Ltd, ExVeritas,

and Campden BRI







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Other Events and Courses

Below are some of the organisations that offer events and training courses that we think may be of interest to you. Click on the logos to be taken to their training pages for more information.





This year marks 25 years since the formation of BMTA in 1990. We will be hosting an anniversary dinner 14th July at the Park Hotel, Teddington. The BMTA AGM will be held at the National Physical Laboratory on the morning of 15th July, followed by a seminar with presentations from NPL, NMRO, and LGC. If you would like to join us for dinner and/or the seminar please fill in the booking form which can be found on the Events page of our website.

The BMTA Council is always happy to welcome new members. If you are a member of a BMTA member company/organisation then you are eligible to sit on the Council or Events and Marketing Committee. If you or someone else within your organisation would like to serve on either of these, please contact Peter Russell in the BMTA Office for more information.

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