# News in Brief : Special

## Security Institute Charter preparations

As promised, here is a special edition of eNews dedicated to the two major projects being developed in The Security Institute, namely

● Our Application for a Royal Charter

● Developing the Register of Chartered Security Practitioners

Although both of these activities deal with "chartering" they are in fact two totally separate projects, and this eNews outlines what both projects represent, and the progress we're making.

Each is a major development, and individually each requires a substantial effort from specialist teams. We are very fortunate in the amount of time and effort that our teams are dedicating, and I urge you to *read about the progress* being made, and even more importantly, *raise any concerns or questions* you wish to have answered - it is more than likely that other members are also thinking along similar lines. This is your Institute, and your opinion is important. Rest assured, when the time comes there will be a membership vote on submitting our proposal, so nothing radical is going to change without the approval and support of the membership.

Please send your questions to our General Manager, Di Thomas , on di@security-institute.org who is collating all the feedback, and will be developing the Charter FAQ section on our website.

Best Regards

**Mike Bluestone**

**Chairman, Security Institute**

## History of Royal Charters

Royal Charters are granted by the Sovereign on the advice of the Privy Council. Originally, a Royal Charter was the only way to incorporate a company, but other means (such as the registration process for limited companies with Companies House) are generally now used instead.

Today, new Charters are normally reserved for bodies that work in the public interest (such as professional institutions and charities) and which demonstrate pre-eminence, stability and permanence in their particular field.

Whilst the Privy Council's website gives general guidance on the criterion an organisation should meet prior to application, these are not set in stone, and current legal advice has encouraged us to remain hopeful that our application will be considered favourably.

# Key Changes

There will be a number of changes to the organisation, both visible and behind the scenes, that will occur when we become chartered:

- **Name Change.** We are recommending the new organisation becomes the Chartered Security Institute, known as CSI (rather than TSI or SyI as present). Everyone who currently belongs to The Security Institute will automatically have their membership transferred to the Chartered Security Institute, provided all subscriptions are fully paid at the time of transfer. The logo will also change, and updating this and the name of the organisation will be a major project for 2011.
- **Post Nominals.** All post nominals will change. The Board will be considering options, and will be proposing these for membership approval. We will also be considering whether there is a post nominal for holders of the Certificate or Diploma, and also for members of the RCPS (see back page).
- **Registration.** The new CSI will not be registered with Companies House, as it will be regulated by the Privy Council. The old Security Institute limited company will become a dormant company.
- **Charter, Bye-laws and Regulations.** The charter application includes two newly written documents - the Charter and the Bye-laws - which replace the current Memorandum and Articles of Association. Regulations are also required, but these do not get submitted to the Privy Council.

> We are recommending the new organisation becomes the **Chartered Security Institute**

# Project Timescales, the Process & Costs

Assuming the membership approves the proposal to apply for Chartered Status, the following timetable will apply:

**August:**
- Launch an Awareness campaign. Send information by email, launch web-pages, write eNews, talk to members. Listen to and answer questions.
- Finish drafting the Charter, the Byelaws and the Regulations, ensuring legal advice obtained and full Board approval received.
- Prepare a written proposal for the membership to consider.

**September:**
- Call and hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss and vote on the proposal.
- Complete the list of non-objectors (*see eNews page 3*)

**October:**
- Prepare the supporting financial information and annual reports.
- Prepare the petition.
- Submit the proposal and wait.

The Privy Council will consider our petition at the next available meeting. Their approval process includes auditing our list of non-objectors, including contacting government departments and agencies, and other security associations to discuss our proposals. A notice will appear in the London Gazette, and the Privy Council will review the application again once the notice period has elapsed. It is likely to be March-April 2011 before we receive notification.

**Costs**
Since The Institute belongs to the Foundation for Science and Technology we have been very fortunate in having legal advice free of charge to help us through the process. There is no application fee to the Privy Council, but we will have to fund the printing of the physical Charter once we have Royal Assent, which is several thousand pounds.

# List of Non-Objectors

Part of what the Privy Council will be looking for in our application for Chartered Status is the reaction of those organisations who are closest to the Institute in aims, and whether they support our application for Royal Charter or if they have concerns or oppose it.

30 July 2010

**Security Institute**
✉ 1 The Courtyard
Caldecote, Warks CV10 0AS

☎ 08453 707 717

✎ info@security-institute.org
🌐 www.security-institute.org

**PETITION FOR A ROYAL CHARTER**

I am writing formally to advise you that The Security Institute is preparing to petition the Privy Council for a Royal Charter.

It is our intention to submit the Institute's application this autumn.

The Institute now represents in excess of 1,000 members drawn from both the public and private sectors. In recent years the Institute has introduced a range of highly successful initiatives, including: launch of the new category student membership; a CPD programme; a mentoring scheme and two qualifications, a Diploma and Certificate in Security Management accredited by Edexcel at levels 5 and 3 respectively. This summer will see the launch of the first of a series of Good Practice Guides in various specialist security disciplines.

Core to the Institute, is the strict validation process, which has been in place since its inception in 1999, along with the long term aim of achieving Chartered status

The Institute is now at the point when an application to the Privy Council can be made, and should you feel that your organisation could voice support for this endeavour by agreeing to be added to our list of Non-Objectors to our receiving a Royal Charter, it would be invaluable to the Institute and its development.

We sincerely hope that we can count on your support in this worthy endeavour, as we strive to achieve this key milestone in our development as a professional body.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with our General Manager Di Thomas, if you require any supplementary information.

**Mike Bluestone MA FSyI**
*Chairman*

**The Security Institute**

*"We are more than happy for you to include the BCI on your list of Non-Objectors"*
**Business Continuity Institute**

*"We believe your aspiration to gain a Royal Charter is a crucial pre-requisite in the creation of a professional body."*
**Risk and Security Management Forum**

*"We are delighted to support this worthy endeavour"*
**ASIS Chapter 208**

As a consequence, over the past month Chairman Mike Bluestone has written to over 70 organisations to illicit their support, and to date all responses to the Chairman's letter have been very supportive.

What has come to light in this exercise is the significant involvement Security Institute members have in many other specialist security organisations, forums, committees and working groups. If you represent an organisation we should be contacting, please forward details to Di Thomas.

We hope to build on this great list of contacts in our future development, and look at ways in which we can support and where appropriate consolidate effort to have greatest positive impact.

**Security Institute**

☎ +44 (0)8453 707 717
✉ info@security-institute.org
🌐 www.security-institute.org

# Register of Chartered Security Practitioners

The Register of Chartered Security Practitioners (the RCSP ) is a project we are working on for the Worshipful Company of Security Professionals (the Company). They obtained their Royal Charter earlier this year, and were granted the right to establish a Register for the profession.

For this, they have turned to the Security Institute and we have agreed to design and deliver the Register, and manage it going forward. Our expertise in  handling our own applications (the scoring matrix and the inclusive validation process) is very relevant, and was a major factor in the Company's choice of the Institute to carry out this work for them.  Read more at SMT online.

## Why have a Register?

Enhanced credibility is a major reason why members join the Institute, and to be recognized as a true security professional, joining the Register will take this to the next level. Think Chartered Accountants, Chartered Engineers … think Chartered Security Practitioners. Recognised by the SIA (particularly relevant for Consultants, Investigators and in-house Security Managers), the Register could also support future licensing developments. Registrants will receive an annual license (after proving compulsory CPD and paying an annual fee) and in time, the Register will be seen as a mark of expertise recognized by clients, suppliers, employers, insurers etc.

## Who will be able to Join?

We are proposing two levels of entry onto the Register - members already belonging to the Company and/or Institute (Internal) and those who do not belong to either organization (External). We will be building on the work already undertaken by validation for Internal applicants, but there will have to be a much more thorough and detailed process for External applicants.

## Is it only for those who have degrees?

Absolutely not. It is about recognizing a level of competence in individuals, and we know that many at the height of their security careers did not have the opportunity to gain academic qualifications when they started out - they just didn't exist then.

A Working Group led by Dr Alison Wakefield is researching how we can make admission to the Register available to those with relevant experience as well as those with relevant qualifications. More will follow on this in the months ahead.

## What are the Timescales?

The aim is for the Register to be open in the first quarter of 2011.

## Other Security Registers have failed. Why should this one succeed?

This Register will be firmly rooted in competence - through relevant work experience and/or qualifications and training. It has Privy Council approval, SIA support, and the drive of both the profession's leading association and charitable organisations. We are already in discussions with other organizations to garner their support, and make it as inclusive as possible for the sector.  If anyone can make it happen, we believe we can.

Think Chartered Accountants, Chartered Engineers … and Chartered Security Practitioners.

**Security Institute**
**1 The Courtyard,**
**Caldecote**
**Warks CV10 0AS**
☎ **+44 (0)8453 707 717**
✉ **info@security-institute.org**
🌐 **www.security-institute.org**