



Introduction

Christmas seems to be a distant memory and 2006 has started with a bang here at the STA offices. Training courses are running at full swing and new courses are currently being developed. If you have any specific requirements for training please give us a call. Other events already scheduled for 2006 are as follows:

Seminars

We have started a new series of mini seminars and workshops which will be held at the STA offices in Hitchin where we can host between 30-40 delegates. The first seminar is being held on 14 March. At the request of the Environment Agency, we are holding a seminar entitled *BS EN 14181 – Getting it right first time*. Full details are available in the events section of our website.

Technical Transfer Seminar

Our main seminar will be held on 21 September at the Bretby Conference Centre, Burton Trent and will be on *Practical experience of applying BS EN 14181 to sites covered by the Waste Incineration Directive*. If any member wishes to contribute please contact Dave Curtis ASAP. We will also be running a small exhibition along side the event - contact Samantha for more details.

European Workshop on EN 14181

A workshop on the use of EN 14181 in Europe has been arranged by CEN Technical Committee 264 and is to be held on 22/23 May 2006 in Paris. Further details can be found on the events section of the STA website.

Other Seminars

A number of forthcoming BSI standards are expected for publication in the near future (see below). If there is sufficient demand, we will put on mini seminars at the STA offices to cover the application of these standards.

Standards

During the next couple of months the following standards will be published by BSI.

Standard	Title	Expected Publication Date
BS EN 1948 parts 1 to 3	Dioxins	March 2006.
BS EN 14789	Determination of volume concentration of oxygen (O ₂) - Reference method - Paramagnetism	January 2006
BS EN 14790	Determination of water vapour in ducts	January 2006
BS EN 14791	Determination of mass concentration of sulphur dioxide - Reference method	January 2006
BS EN 14792	Determination of mass concentration of nitrogen oxides (NO _x) - Reference method: Chemiluminescence	Published on 11 January 2006

A full, up-to-date, listing will appear in the STA Annual Guide which will be published by March.

STA meetings

Details on when all the various task group meetings will be held can be found on the STA website (visit the events page in the member's area).

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 21 March at the STA offices starting at 14.00. One of the main items on the agenda is the election of officers for the next two years. Mark Elliot takes over as Chairman from Dan Keating. Nominations received so far are as follows;

Position	Nomination
Chairman Elect	Dave Slack CES Environment Instruments
Technical	Ray Pullen, Envircare Technical Consultants
Quality	Rod Robinson NPL
Health and Safety	Michael Wildin CPL Laboratories
Equipment Suppliers	Steve Reed Enviro Technology Services
Training	Paul Mudway Mudway Health and Safety
Small Business	Simon Medhurst Smedstack Environmental
Process Operators	Richard Croll CORUS

If there are other members that wish to be nominated for any of the above positions, please let Samantha know by 23 February 2006. Ballot papers will be sent out in the first week of March.

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