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The Institute of Professional Investigators SUMMER 2021

2021 AGM

In view of the Covid 19 pandemic and ongoing disruption to business operations, the Board have made the decision to hold a ZOOM - AGM on Friday 12 November 2021 at 11:00. This proved to be successful in 2020. Further details will be forwarded nearer the time but any changes to the IPI Articles or nominations for the Board are welcome at any time prior to the event.

UNDER STARTER'S ORDERS - FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Member,

Things are starting to look up, both inside and outside the Institute.

Firstly, the Institute is in better financial shape than it has been for many years, having undertaken a thorough review of income and expenditure. This has enabled us to reduce annual subscriptions and look at ways to enhance the benefits of membership. I would like to express my thanks to all Board members who have freely devoted their time and energy to make this possible. We are hoping to continue this upward trajectory and are open to suggestions from members on ways to recruit new members and/or generate funds.

Turning our attention outside the Institute, things are also looking better and we hope that the second half of 2021 will see the re-vitalisation of our profession, with the Bank of England forecasting the fastest expansion in the UK economy since World War Two.

So, are we all prepared to 'dust ourselves down' and re-energise our businesses?

Ultimately, that is up to you, but the Institute will support and assist members where we can. In particular, we want to offer members free online

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Continued Professional Development (CPD) seminars to address areas that YOU feel are important.

To make some suggestions, the Board thought that members may find it useful to have some input on the latest Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) techniques and a GDPR refresher, but we are open to your views. So please let me (richard@ipi.org.uk) know what you would find useful to ensure that you are all 'match fit' for the coming months.

Finally, a less visible activity undertaken by the IPI Board is membership of the Security Commonwealth (SyCom), a consortium of organisations in the security sector. A recent virtual committee meeting appointed a new chair- Jayne King of the National Association for Healthcare Security. She extended an invitation to all SyCom members (including IPI members) to attend a virtual conference on 26 May 2021, details of which can be found on their website <https://nahs.org.uk/> and booked via the All Security Events website <https://allsecurityevents.com/event-pro/nahs-online-2021/> (a free event).

Best wishes to all members and your families.

Richard Cumming
Principal

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