



Institute of Management Services

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Journal Distribution - Members Views Sought

At the March 2017 Council it was agreed that the concept of circulating the Institute Journal in electronic format should be investigated. It was also agreed that consideration should be given to providing a facility for members to purchase a printed version of the journal for an annual fee.

In order to seek member's views on how the journal would be produced and circulated in the future it was agreed to seek member's views by the circulation of an email questionnaire to Institute members. The survey took place in May 2017.

The results of the survey questionnaire clearly indicate that the vast majority (96%) of the members completing the questionnaire supported the circulation of an electronic journal to members.

To move towards the distribution of the journal in electronic format would result in major cost savings for the Institute and address the continuing

annual financial deficits that are eroding the Institutes reserves. Members will appreciate that in 2005 they paid £200 for Life membership and have enjoyed all the facilities of Institute membership including four journals a year for an annual cost of £16 a year. No other profes-



sional Institute offers such value for money for their membership fees.

If the Institute moved towards electronic distribution of the journal we would still produce four journals a year for members which would be emailed to members each quarter. For those members who preferred a printed copy of the journal

posted to them this would be available to them at an annual cost of approximately £20 per year for four journals per year. It is the intention of the Institutes Council to make a decision at its October meeting on how the journal is circulated in 2018. We would however invite members to make any observations on the circulation of the journal by electronic format and the facility to purchase a printed version of the journal.

Your views are welcomed on the two following points, by email to: admin@ims-productivity.com

- **That we move to only supplying members with a free electronic version of the Journal with effect from the first issue in March 2018.**
- **That we make available to members a printed version of the journal upon payment**

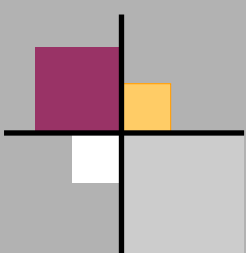
Institute 2017 Elections

All Institute UK based Corporate members are reminded that voting for Council Elections is currently taking place.

The closing date for receipt of ballot papers is 5th August 2017 at 5pm.

The Summer 2017 issue of the Management Services Journal contains details of candidates and the ballot paper.

Corporate members may vote for up to four candidates in the election. You may vote for less than four if you wish.



Robotics and Innovation the New Industrial Revolution

Countries that embrace innovation are leading in competitiveness and job creation. Robotics, one of the fastest-growing technologies in the world, is a case in point. While many people are concerned that robots could take jobs away from humans, the evidence is the reverse.

The three countries with the highest density of robots per factory worker — South Korea, Germany and

Japan — also enjoy exceptionally low unemployment rates. Without investing in automation, these strong economies would not be globally competitive, and their workforces would certainly feel the repercussions.

The advent of robotics means that we are on the threshold of a new industrial revolution. To achieve the skills transition for the new Industrial Revolution

and ensure that all of society benefits from rising prosperity, partnerships are needed between government, industry and academia. Education in particular will play an important role in retraining our manufacturing workforce to operate the factories of the future. Industry and government need to show leadership by supporting education with more resources, close collaboration and specialized expertise.



Institute 2017 AGM

The Institutes fifty-second Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 20th October 2017 at 10.30 am. In the Garrick Suite at The George Hotel, Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 6PR.

All members of the Institute are entitled to attend this event and all Corporate members which are those holding the grade of Mem-

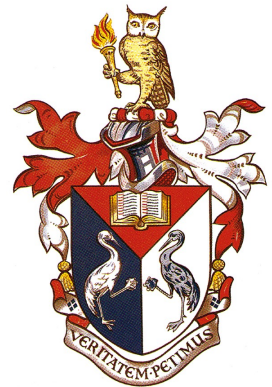
ber, Member (Dip) or Fellow are entitled vote.

Please see the Annual General Meeting Notice in the Summer edition of the Management Services Journal. (Page 7)

Alternatively please use the Proxy Form to vote if you do not wish to attend.

All Proxy Forms must be at Head Office no later than

10am on Friday 15th September 2017.



The Taylor Review

The Taylor Review focuses attention has focused on specific areas, such as the right to request fixed hours etc. But the review's mission statement is worth a look: *that all work should be fair and decent with realistic scope for development and fulfilment.*

The review has lots of focus on proposals to ensure a level playing field exists

between different forms of employment.

For example, although political realities may mean the return of the chancellor's abandoned National Insurance rise for the self-employed is not imminent, it will surely happen at some stage and be matched by increased access to parental and other benefits.

There is also a drive to maintain flexibility (so no ban on zero-hours contracts), and ensure a fair balance between worker and business (such as the right to request a guaranteed-hours contract after one year, and tougher enforcement of rules). All of these will have implications for UK future productivity and competitiveness.



Have You Upgrade Your IMS Membership Recently?

All Institute **Life Members** are urged to consider upgrading their membership to the next grade level available to them.

If you have held the grade of **Member** with the designatory letters, **MMS or MMS(Dip)** for five years or more and have gained the necessary experience in your profession you may meet the criteria to apply for the grade of **Fellow (FMS)**. This is the Institutes highest and most prestigious grade.

You may have held the grade of **Associate** with the designatory letters, **AMS** for three years or more and should consider upgrading to a full Corporate Member of the Institute which allows you to use the designatory letters **MMS** and to vote at the Institutes AGM and Council Elections.

If you hold the student grade of **Affiliate** and have completed the IMS Certificate qualification you can upgrade your membership to **Associate** which allows you to use the designatory letters **AMS**.

“Being entitled to use the term ‘Associate’, ‘Member’ or Fellow’ of the Institute of Management Services is a ‘badge’ of recognition indicating achievement, impact and high standards as well as the professional standing of those elected,” said Julian Cutler IMS Chairman.

Making an application for upgrading your membership is straight forward your application will be fully considered by our Membership Panel which consists of three senior Fellows of the Institute.

To find out more about upgrading your membership with the Institute see the link below.

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