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Dear Members and Friends,

As we enter the holiday season, and this being the last newsletter of 2019, I would like to look back over the past year.

During 2019 we have achieved a great deal. The new Society website was made available in early February to great acclaim as it is far more user friendly. Later in the year, thanks to the hard work of Society members, the CESMO Quick Guide was published. And finally, we held a successful IDLS2019 in Edinburgh.

The annual Symposium goes from strength to strength. This year we saw the introduction of Masterclasses and next year we hope to make them a standing feature. Alongside these classes we are going to introduce a 101 class aimed at those starting out in the TDL field. Held prior to the symposium proper it will give new attendees a good grounding for the presentations etc.

Staying with the Symposium, we were really pleased to see a large number of new delegates at IDLS2019. This is a trend we welcome and wish to encourage in 2020. We are also looking to see military involvement with the Society grow and so are pleased to report that the Danish Command have confirmed they will be supporting IDLS2020.

We are optimistic that 2020 will be another exciting and successful year for the Society. Thank you to all of those who have worked so hard for our community.

As you enjoy the festivities with family and friends I send you my best wishes to you all for a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Enjoy a well-earned and happy break. See you next year.

Volker Schaaf

IDLS2020 Website

The IDLS2020 website is still under construction, but should be put live soon. It is being designed to be easier and more intuitive to use. We will inform you as soon as it goes live.
As part of our ongoing development and improvement of the Society’s portfolio; we are introducing the 3-day Masterclass. The Masterclasses offer individuals, who have some Data Links knowledge, the chance to have in depth training on a particular topic.

Feedback from the two Masterclasses that took place this October has been very positive and so the Society has decided to run Masterclasses in 2020, as well as continuing with the Training Day.

In addition to these, the Technical Committee would like to trial a 3-day 101 course. The 101 course will be aimed at individuals who are new to the Data Links world and will run at the same time as the Masterclasses.

One of the benefits for individuals having attended the introductory course is that, if they go on to attend IDLS2020, it will give them a greater understanding of some of the discussions during the symposium.

Like the Training Day and Masterclass courses, we are looking for organisations to submit a proposal to run the 101 course.

None of the organisations who deliver the training receive any money and the fees charged to attendees cover the costs of room rental, catering etc.

The organisations that are selected to run the 101 course and two Masterclasses will have the IDLS2020 Trainers’ fees waived (up to a maximum of 3 individuals).

### Dates and Number of Courses

All courses will take place in Herning, Denmark.

**Training Day - 26 October 2020**

The Society is looking to offer up to five courses. The courses will start at 09:00 and finish at 16:00.

**101 Course - 22,23,26 October 2020**

The Society is looking to offer one 101 course for up to 20 individuals.

**Masterclasses - 22,23,26 October 2020**

The Society is looking to offer two Masterclasses for up to 20 individuals per course.
Call for Proposals

If you would like to submit a proposal for a Training Day course, 101 course or Masterclass, please see the brief below.

Training Day, Masterclass and 101 proposals should include.

- Course Title
- A minimum of a paragraph overview description of the course
- An outline of the course syllabus
- Who the course is aimed at (Novice, Practitioner, Expert, Operator, Engineer, etc...)
- The number of delegates
- If the course is a full day, half day, a three day or has the option for delegates to either attend the whole course or half a day
- Presenters Biographies

If any organisation wishes to propose a range of courses of varying durations, this will also be considered.

Please could you submit your proposal to the Secretariat using the following email address events@idl soc.com by Friday 24th January 2020. The Technical Committee will then review the proposal.

IDLS 2020 Event Planning Day

IDLS2020 Event Planning day will be taking place in the week starting the 20th April. This is a chance for exhibitors to explore the venue and get all the latest information about this year’s event. The final date will be announced in a future issue of the newsletter.

To register an interest, please email communications_secretary@idl soc.com

The Society would like to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to working with you all throughout 2020.
23rd NATO Tactical Data Link Symposium 2020

Now is the time to start preparing to ensure we have another successful event. The Symposium will take place in Calpe, Spain from 23 to 26 March. Interested parties wishing to provide a presentation, demonstration or lead a workshop are invited to contact the Data Link Support Staff, who are arranging the Symposium programme. To register go to the NTDLS website.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Corporate Membership

We are pleased to announce that GDUK and Northrop Grumman have renewed their Corporate membership.

For more information about becoming a Corporate Member of IDLSoc please [click here].

Corporate News

Viasat Data Links Working Group

Heading out for the holidays? Don't forget to register for the Viasat Data Links Working Group, taking place 21 - 23 January 2020.

If you are a data links professional responsible for communications planning, including interoperability, network design and management, then the Viasat Data Links Working Group is an essential visit.

The event is free to attend, but space is limited - so register today at [www.viasat.com/vdlwg-2020](http://www.viasat.com/vdlwg-2020)

TCG 15th Annual Users Group and Training Seminar


Curtiss-Wright’s Tactical Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the dates for this year’s users group and training seminar. Advanced registration is required and appreciated.

For more information about the event, please visit our website [www.g2tcg.com](http://www.g2tcg.com) and [www.curtisswrightds.com](http://www.curtisswrightds.com) or contact our event coordinator Jessie.
## Events Diary

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<td><strong>23-26 Mar 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>23rd NTDLS 2020</strong> Calpe, Spain</td>
<td>The NTDLS Support Staff has received planning permission for the 23rd NTDLS in Calpe, Spain from 23 to 26 March 2020. To register go to the <a href="#">NTDLS website</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>25 Mar 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>3rd DACH Chapter Meeting</strong> NTDLS, Calpe</td>
<td>The 3rd DACH Chapter meeting will take place at the NTDLS in Calpe. The time and date of the meeting to be advised.</td>
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<td><strong>26-28 May 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tactical Communications Forum 2020</strong> Kaunas, Lithuania</td>
<td>The TCF focus is on providing an environment for presentations and discussions only. It is aimed at military, government and industry personnel. All attendees are encouraged to provide useful presentations.</td>
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<td>More information to follow.</td>
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<td>Industry will provide half or full day courses. Details to follow.</td>
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<td><strong>26-29 Oct 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>IDLS2020</strong> Herning, Denmark</td>
<td>IDLS2020 will be taking place in the MCH Herning Kongrescenter. Keynote speakers, plenary sessions, exhibition hall, military equipment display and networking opportunities</td>
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<td><strong>29 Oct 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>Annual Meeting of Members</strong> Herning, Denmark</td>
<td>The Annual Meeting of Members will take place on the last day of IDLS2020. Opportunity to be updated on the Society’s activities, membership and accounts.</td>
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