



New appointments at the EMCTLA

It's all change at the EMCTLA with the resignation of two of the EMC Test Laboratories Associations key people. Tony Maddocks, of ERA Technology, announced his retirement in general, and therefore his retirement as Chairman of the EMCTLA, and Dave Imeson, of Compliance Europe, also announced that he is stepping down as Secretary of the Association. However, Dave retains his interest in the Association by remaining in his role as Treasurer.

The EMCTLA Steering Committee met in early June to fill these two vacancies. Jim Wood, the Associations Vice Chairman, steps up into the role of Chairman. From amongst the members, John Davies, formerly of Blackwood Labs and now with EMC Goggles, was unanimously voted to fulfil the role of Secretary.

Within the EMCTLA there are two main working groups; Working Group (A) which deals with military and aerospace EMC and Working Group (C) which is concerned with commercial EMC. Jim Wood retains his interest as Chairman of WG(A) and Chris Coleman, of Hewlett Packard, who has been involved with the EMCTLA for many years and has an excellent understanding of EMC standards, becomes the newly appointed Chairman of WG(C). John Davies will fulfil the role of Secretary for the Association in both working groups.

Chairman Jim Wood, of EMC Compliance Ltd, said, "The EMCTLA is a well-established and respected Association with excellent links to, and influences in, many standards bodies. I would like to thank Tony and Dave for all they have contributed to the EMCTLA over many years. It has been a pleasure working alongside them and I wish them both well in their new adventures. I am very pleased that Dave will remain with the Association as Treasurer and I wish to welcome both John and Chris into their new roles at the EMCTLA."

John is no stranger to WG(C) members as for the last six years he has represented the Association at both British Standards GEL 210-11 and GEL 210-12 committees. From his role within CISPR John also regularly presents at WG(C) meetings on the status of the forthcoming multimedia EMC standards. However, he will be less familiar to the WG(A) members having had little involvement in the operations of that Working Group until recently.

The Association, which next year will be celebrating its 20 anniversary, has an excellent presence in EMC standardisation committees with several representatives at the British Standards committees, some of whom go on to represent the UK National Committee at the IEC and at CISPR.

John Davies, the newly appointed Secretary is one such person. He says, "I have been involved with the EMCTLA for over 15 years and I am very excited by the challenge I now face of being its Secretary. Dave has done an exceptional job as Secretary for so many years and it will be extremely difficult for anyone to fill his shoes. The EMCTLA membership, mostly comprising of test houses and consultants, are dependent on test standards which are clear, technically correct and provide for a commonality of application. Within my new position I shall do all I can to help improve this not just for the benefit of our members but for the benefit of the EMC industry as a whole."

The full list of current appointments is as follows:

Chairman: Jim Wood.

Secretary: John Davies.

Treasurer: Dave Imeson.

Steering Committee members: Jim Wood, John Davies, Dave Imeson, Phil Carter & Ken Webb.

WG(A) Chairman: Jim Wood.

WG(C) Chairman: Chris Coleman.

The EMCTLA will be holding a EMC & Functional Safety workshop on the 28th June at Henley-in-Arden Golf Club and their next Working Group meetings are scheduled for 26th & 27 October.