Welcome



t is my pleasure, as chairman of the STA for the coming year, to introduce this 2009 Annual Guide. As always, the guide aims to provide information on current issues and forthcoming developments in addition to information on the monitoring and testing services available from our members. The year 2008 was a successful year for the STA with various seminars being held which covered such things as our old friend BS EN14181. Our membership now stands at 220 corporate members.

The role and standing of the STA continues to expand and increase. By working closely with the Environment Agency and the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) we are able to assist in driving up standards and through our representation on various committees responsible for drawing up new CEN or BS Standards, influence the contents of those standards

The various standing committees (task groups) within the STA provide a valuable forum for members' views and also a means by which information on a variety of topics can be assimilated and distributed. For example the Health and Safety task group has issued twenty Health and Safety Guidance Notes to members. It is only by the active involvement of its members that the STA continues to grow and flourish. A key aspect of the role of the STA is the provision of advice, guidance and technical information to its members. The STA is also at the forefront of the provi-

sion of training courses, which are continuously being developed and updated to meet the needs of our changing world.

We all recognise that the credibility of our stack testing work is dependent on having properly trained, qualified and experienced staff who are able to provide a professional, reliable and consistent service to our clients. This credibility is further enhanced by having a professional body, which is not only recognised in the UK but also by our international members.

The coming year, 2009, may be a difficult year for industry so the need for working together allied with possible retraining will very important.

I wish you well.

Dave Slack STA Chairman

Director of CES Environmental Instruments

The Source Testing Association is committed to the advancement of the science and practice of emission monitoring and to develop and maintain a high quality of service to customers. The association was formed in 1995 and has a membership of more than 220 companies. Each year, the membership elects officers who become the governing body and directors of the association. The association is a non-profit-making organisation and all proceeds are used to enhance membership services. The association's headquarters are in Hitchin, Hertfordshire with meeting rooms, library and administration offices.

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