

Welcome to ISTR

The Institute of Safety in Technology and Research serves safety professionals in technology and research including education, industry, government agencies and consultancy.

The aim of the Institute is to enhance the knowledge, competence and professional development of its members through networking, accreditation, knowledge exchange, workshops and symposia, communication with regulators and partnerships with other safety organisations.

Membership is open to safety professionals and Associate Membership is available to anyone whose knowledge and experience do not qualify them as Members but who can show they have a sufficient interest in the activities of ISTR.



Summer and Autumn symposia provide opportunities for learning, networking, sharing problems and solutions from every sector



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Adding value to the organisation

Partnerships with other professional institutions

ISTR seeks to partner with other organisations so it can provide as wide a range of knowledge as possible in order to support its members.

In addition, our members have one or more of the following safety disciplines, so there is a wealth of competent and helpful advice should you need it:

- General Safety
- Biological
- Chemical
- Radiation
- Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Process safety
- Environmental
- Fire Safety
- Occupational Hygiene
- Occupational Health



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Information for Prospective Members



ISTR Executive Committee

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What can ISTR do for you?

Who are we?

ISTR is a relatively small but active professional organisation. Founded in 1981 as the Institute of University Safety Officers, membership widened beyond the University sector and in 1992 it was re-named the Institute of Safety in Technology and Research (ISTR). Today ISTR serves and supports the individual interests of safety professional in their specialist area of research and high technology.

ISTR is well respected by external bodies and makes representation to, and is consulted by, other professional bodies and regulators in the UK and abroad.

What do we do?

ISTR (via its Executive Committee) organises symposia and skills development workshops for its members, publishes a bulletin and handbook and has an e-mail discussion forum. There is also an ISTR award and opportunities for sponsorship. Being relatively small the Institute is friendly and lends itself easily to networking opportunities.

ISTR has set up and now accredits the *Biosafety Accreditation Scheme* which gives professional recognition to the competence of Biosafety practitioners. **For more information**, please see our website www.istr.org.uk



Our symposia feature speakers from industry, universities, regulatory bodies and Government institutions

Skills development workshops

One of ISTR's aims is to enhance the skills and professional competence of its members. To this end, we hold one or more skills development workshops each year, generally on a range of subjects, but sometimes demand is so great that we have to repeat them.

In the last 5 years, we have held workshops on the following:

- Auditing and inspecting Containment Level 3 laboratories
- Control of artificial optical radiation
- Controlling airborne contaminants effectively
- Making safety videos
- Advanced investigative interviewing
- Complying with DSEAR
- Behavioural safety
- Measuring and monitoring



LASERS and the Artificial Optical Radiation Regulations—
learning on the job at a Skills Development Workshop

For information on forthcoming events and details of our symposia past and future, please visit our website

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How do I join ISTR?

There are three categories of ISTR membership: Fellow, Member and Associate. All categories of membership are open to those who work within and outside of the UK provided the appropriate standards of qualification and experience are met.

The annual membership is currently £20 irrespective of membership category.

Member requirements: you must be a graduate or equivalent in an appropriate discipline. You must have at least two year's full-time experience in a range of safety-related work either at a university where scientific research or technology are a significant part of the activities, or at a research or technological institute, or in a science or technology-based industry.

Where an applicant's role is part-time in safety the minimum qualifying period should be extended pro rata. Applications must be supported by the names of two referees, one of whom must be a Member or Fellow of the Institute. Members may use the designatory letters MISTR.

Associate: Those whose knowledge and experience do not qualify them as Members can join as Associates provided they that they have a sufficient interest in the activities of the Institute. Referees not required.

For more details or to download an application form go to: www.istr.org.uk/docs/istrapp.pdf



Auditing Containment Level 3
Skills Development Workshop