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2017 Meeting dates

- 1 March (London)
- 27 June
- 7 November

The activities of standards, legislative, law enforcement and industry bodies were monitored throughout 2016 and innovative security solutions were researched and examined.

Notable developments during the year included the burgeoning challenges of international terrorism, cyber crime and serious acquisitive crime, exemplified by the Hatton Garden robbery, and papers were prepared on each. Links with the police investigation on Hatton Garden produced a well-received speaker for the London seminar.

Fire and security solutions are not immune from the negative implications of the Internet of Things revolution on which the group received a presentation and an article for the house magazine was prepared.

Encouraged by close ties with BIBA and previous collaboration, the group prepared a guide, subsequently posted on BIBA's website, explaining the role of the broker in gathering information to ensure 'fair presentation of risk'. A link was also forged with CILA.

The group has been tracking developments in the safe and strongroom industry sector where currently a dispute between test houses is having an undermining effect on the safe classification system used by UK insurers and, if this is not resolved, a member bulletin will be required.

The work of the group was promoted through presentations at security industry regulatory bodies and a webinar on the subject of CCTV.

Documents published in 2016

- *S29: Guide to electronic access control systems*
 A guide that explains the benefits, design and operation of this neglected solution as part of a comprehensive strategy.
- *Basic cyber security controls for the small business*
 A checklist of the basic cyber controls essential to the small business with the actions required to eliminate the most frequently exploited vulnerabilities.
- *S30: Terrorism – sources of guidance and support*
 A guide singling out preferred sources of reliable information and support.
- *Safe deposit centres: assessment factors for insurers*
 A bulletin for the assessment of a centre against selected benchmarks and indicators.
- *Intruder alarm systems – remote access*
 A technical bulletin alerting members to the risk of unauthorised remote manipulation of an alarm system.
- *Smart systems and use of smartphones for the control of security systems*
 A bulletin drawing attention to the escalating take-up of 'home automation', 'smart' security devices and smart phone 'apps' and the risks these products represent.
- *Intrusion and hold up alarm systems: aide memoire*
 A convenient tool for the use of insurance risk surveyors for the on-site evaluation of a security system.
- *Regulation of electronic security products and services in Europe*
 A compendium of datasheets to assist UK underwriters and assigned UK risk control surveyors.

The year ahead

- If the disunity amongst safe certification bodies continues, a bulletin will be prepared looking at the implications for the insurance rating system.
- Subject to a test and certification regime being introduced, a bulletin will be prepared on retrofit solutions for ATM gas attacks.
- The group will liaise with CILA to update claims settlement guidance.
- A guide will be prepared for the mitigation of risks from unauthorised occupation of premises.
- Guides to designing physical perimeter security and fogging systems will be prepared.
- Information will be provided on new legislation and published standards.