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The Sentinel

Your Monthly Bulletin from the ASC



Delivering _____
Insights, Updates, and Opportunities.

Introduction

Keeping the Conversation Moving

Simon Crane

ASC Chair, International Development & CSyP Lead



Technology is changing quickly, regulation is placing new demands on organisations, and clients are asking more of consultants than simply technical advice. Good security consultancy increasingly depends on being able to understand these changes, ask the right questions, and make sound decisions.

That is one reason I am looking forward to the ASC Summer Seminar. The theme, From Insight to Action: Enhancing Decision Making Through Modern Security Technologies, goes beyond looking at technology for its own sake. Integrated platforms, real-time monitoring and intelligent analytics can provide more information, but information only becomes useful when it leads to better decisions. The seminar will give members an opportunity to examine how these technologies are being used in practice and where they can add genuine value.

Our work across our partner network also continues into September, with the ASC seminar at the DSSL Technology Day on 10th September providing another opportunity for members to come together. The event will focus on Martyn's Law, giving security professionals the chance to examine the legislation, consider its practical implications and hear directly from those working across the sector. These partnerships allow the ASC to bring members into discussions that sit beyond our own events and give us another way to stay connected with developments across the profession.

ConSeC 26 will bring many of these discussions together in one place. Now in its 32nd year, the conference reflects the breadth of the profession through its industry and consultancy, and academic and research streams. The exhibition will also provide an opportunity to see what technology providers are bringing to the market and consider how new approaches fit within real security requirements. I hope members will take the opportunity to join us at Hinxton Hall in October.

Recognition also has an important place in a professional community. With the ASC Awards nominations deadline approaching, I would encourage members to think about the people and organisations whose work deserves to be recognised. The awards give us a chance to acknowledge that work and share examples of good practice across the profession.

There is a lot to discuss across the profession now. The value of the ASC is in creating spaces where those discussions can happen openly, with people bringing different experience and perspectives to the table. I hope this edition of The Sentinel gives you plenty to think about and that we see many of you at the events ahead.

Hear from our Board:

Archie Phillips

ASC Director - Academic Engagement & Professional Development



My engagement with the Association of Security Consultants began in 2021 as winner of the Imbert Award for the best Master's dissertation on a security and risk-related subject in the United Kingdom. I was struck by how the ASC builds a community to provide best-in-class professional development opportunities.

Understanding firsthand what the ASC can do for its members and their careers, I quickly became involved. I have served as a Judge for the Imbert Award since 2025. The Award encapsulates much of the ASC's mission: professional development, peer-learning, engagement with critical security questions, developing real-world practical solutions, and rewarding achievement. My academic background, work on the Imbert Award, and longtime pro bono mentoring experience led to my selection as Chair of the ASC's new Academic Advisory & Engagement Committee, bringing the ASC to universities and their students, and vice versa.

I applied to serve on the Board of Directors to build upon my existing service to the ASC, to you, its members, and to the industry in a wider and more impactful way.

I am a London-based protective intelligence and corporate security analyst at Securitas, with previous experience at Control Risks. I work with S&P 500, Fortune 500, and FTSE 100 multinational clients, predominantly in high-risk sectors such as AI and technology, defence, energy, supply chains, and critical infrastructure.

This experience has taught me that security threats increasingly interlock and transcend borders, industries, and ideologies. This requires a top-down and bottom-up, whole-of-organisation, indeed whole-of-society approach towards security and resilience, necessitating more efficient communication, coordination, and accountability between all relevant stakeholders.

Facing these realities, the Board seeks to preserve and expand the ASC's influence as a key player in the development of the security industry.



Sentinel Scholarly

Dennis Roe RISC

ASC Director - Academic Engagement
and Professional Development Lead

September:

A Time of Renewal and Recognition in Academia

As September unfurls its golden leaves, it heralds a season of renewal and intellectual vigour, particularly in the world of academia. For the Association of Security Consultants (ASC), this month is no exception, as we dive headfirst into a whirlwind of activities that promise to enrich minds and advance the field of security studies.

The month kicks off with a bang at the ASC Summer Seminar on the 3rd, a day brimming with knowledge sharing and learning opportunities. This CPD-certified event is designed to keep you at the forefront of the latest developments in security and risk management. Highlighting the seminar is a presentation by Joe Haskell (preview overleaf), whose groundbreaking research earned him a spot as an Imbert Award finalist in 2025. Haskell's work exemplifies the seamless blend of academic rigour and practical application that the ASC champions.

The Imbert Award 2026: Celebrating Academic Excellence

The Imbert Award stands as a beacon of recognition for outstanding academic research in the UK. Each year, students and researchers dedicate countless hours to exploring emerging risks, dissecting complex challenges, and questioning the status quo. The ASC is committed to celebrating this dedication by bridging the gap between academic excellence and professional practice.

This prestigious award is bestowed annually on the most exceptional Master's Level (L7) dissertation or thesis focused on security or risk-related subjects (including cyber, intelligence, criminology, disaster, to name but a few). Academic institutions are invited to submit up to three nominations, ensuring a diverse array of perspectives and insights. The submissions are meticulously evaluated by a panel of esteemed academic and industry specialists, who seek out dissertations that not only push the boundaries of research but also demonstrate real-world impact and relevance.

For those fortunate enough to win or be named a finalist, the accolades extend beyond recognition. Winners receive a year's free membership of the ASC, granting them access to a wealth of industry, networking, and research events across the country. This membership serves as a launchpad for many security professionals, propelling their careers to new heights.



A Call to Action for Academia

If you are an academic with students whose research deserves a wider audience, we urge you to nominate their work for the Imbert Award 2026. Similarly, if you are a student whose dissertation aligns with the award's criteria, we encourage you to reach out to your course supervisor for nomination.

This is your final call to action with the closing date just a matter of days away. Don't miss the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the hard work and innovation that define the future of security studies. Nominate now and be part of a tradition that celebrates the best and brightest in academia:



IMBERT Award

[Submit Here](#)

Summer Seminar 2026: A Look at the Discussion



01

Topic - Understanding Crowds, Not Just Detecting Them: From intelligent sensing to operational insight

Dave will look at how intelligent sensing technologies can move beyond simply identifying people and activity to provide meaningful operational insight. The session will consider how sensing, AI and data can support a clearer understanding of what is happening in a space and help security teams make better-informed decisions.



Dave Clark

Managing Director - Defence and Security



02

Topic - Practical approaches to incident management exercising in the context of Martyn's Law

Rob will examine how organisations can use practical exercising to strengthen their incident management arrangements in the context of Martyn's Law. He will consider what effective exercises should test, how they can expose gaps in preparedness and how the findings can translate into meaningful improvements.



Rob Walley

Managing Director



03

Topic - A Crime of Refunds - Exploring in-store consumer refund fraud through the lens of Economic Crime

Joseph's presentation looks at refund fraud as a form of economic crime, considering how fraudulent returns take place in retail environments and the challenges they create for businesses. Drawing on his research, he will discuss how those closest to consumers and offenders understand the issue and how retailers respond to it.



Joseph Haskell

Customer Service Rep



04

Topic - Safety, Security and Crowd Science

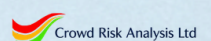
Dr Keith Still has more than 36 years' experience in crowd safety consulting, teaching and legal casework. Keith will examine how crowd science can inform the way we understand, assess and manage crowd-related risk. He will look at crowd behaviour, risk modelling and the factors that can help identify developing problems before they become serious incidents.



Dr. G. Keith Still

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FHEA MAE MEPS F.IRSM & Director



ASC News & Updates

01 | UK Defence Innovation Security Open Call

Funding Opportunity for the Security Sector

The UK Defence Innovation (UKDI) Security Open Call is now open, giving UK organisations the opportunity to develop and showcase innovative solutions to some of the country's security challenges.

Successful projects can secure up to £350,000 in funding across UK Home Office and National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) priority areas.

The call covers areas including secure data sharing, border and immigration security, cyber-enabled threats, vehicle screening, extended reality and crowd screening.

[Find Out More](#)

02



Awards 2026

Put Great Work in the Spotlight!

The ASC Awards offer an opportunity to put your work in the spotlight and recognise the people, teams and organisations making a real contribution to the security profession.

With the nomination deadline approaching, members are encouraged to consider the work happening across the industry and put forward those who deserve recognition.

The awards provide an opportunity to highlight good practice, acknowledge professional achievement and celebrate the contribution of those helping to strengthen the sector.

Submission Deadline: 6th September 2026

[Submit entries](#)

01



IMBERT Award

[Submit Here](#)

02



Mike Cahalane Awards MASC

[Submit Here](#)

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Mike Cahalane Awards RISC

[Submit Here](#)



01 | Summer Seminar 2026

THEME-

From Insight to Action: Enhancing Decision Making Through Modern Security Technologies

Explore how integrated platforms, real-time monitoring, and intelligent analytics are supporting more informed decision-making across modern security operations.

Through practical presentations and industry discussion, the seminar will examine how these technologies are being applied in operational settings.

 3rd September 2026

 9:00am- 5:00pm

 British Library Knowledge Centre, London

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Events



02 | World Suicide Prevention Day

Exploring how organisations can play a meaningful role in suicide prevention.

The ASC is proud to sponsor this year's World Suicide Prevention Day event, supporting the Consortium for the Prevention of Suicide.

The event is bringing the conversation around suicide prevention to the workplace and wider business community. The event will also explore what workplaces can do to support suicide prevention and is open to businesses interested in sponsoring the initiative.

 10th September 2026

 The Old Library, Lloyd's of London, London

[Find out more!](#)

03 | Technology Day 2026

THEME:

Martyn's Law Conference

Join the ASC at DSSL Technology Day for a dedicated CPD-accredited seminar examining Martyn's Law and its implications for the security sector.

The programme will bring together security professionals to explore the legislation, its requirements, and what organisations should consider ahead of implementation.

 10th September 2026

 10:00am- 4:00pm

 Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, London

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Events

04



Exploring the Future of Global Security

International Security Expo returns to Olympia, bringing together security professionals, manufacturers, government representatives, and technology providers from around the world.

The programme features an extensive exhibition alongside expert-led conference sessions covering emerging threats, resilience, and the latest developments in global security.

 29th & 30th September 2026

 Olympia, Grand Hall, London

[Register Now](#)


05

TOTAL SECURITY SUMMIT 2026

Connecting Security Leaders with Innovative Solutions

The Total Security Summit brings together senior security professionals and solution providers for a focused programme of pre-arranged meetings, keynote presentations, and networking.

Designed for decision-makers, the event explores current challenges, emerging technologies, and practical solutions across the security sector.

 19th & 20th October 2026

 Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, London Heathrow

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Events

06

BARCO

CPD Title: Designing Secure and Efficient Control Rooms: Video Walls, Multi-Source Integration & Workflow Tools

Exclusively for ASC members, this free CPD session explores how modern control room technologies are improving operational performance. Through expert presentations and live demonstrations, attendees will gain practical insight into video wall solutions, multi-source integration, and Barco CTRL technologies.

📅 12th November 2026

🕒 10:30am – 1:30pm (approx)

📍 Bracknell Customer Experience Centre

[Register Now](#)

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Gala Awards & Dinner Night 2026

Celebrating Excellence Across the Security Profession



Taking place immediately after ConSec, the ASC Gala Awards Dinner celebrates the achievements of individuals and organisations across the security profession.

The evening includes the presentation of the ASC Awards, dinner, guest speakers, and entertainment, providing an opportunity to celebrate with colleagues from across the industry.

📅 29th October 2026

📍 Hinxton Hall Conference Centre

[Learn More](#)



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Autumn Seminar 2026

Theme: The IMS Approach: Unifying Surveillance, Access & Risk Data

This year's Autumn Seminar explores how Integrated Management Systems are bringing surveillance, access control, and risk data together into a single operational view.

Through practical case studies and expert discussion, the programme will examine how unified systems are supporting more effective security management.

Upcoming Events

Be a part of a thought-provoking conversation on



26th November 2026



British Library Knowledge Centre, London

Bookings Opening Soon



09

SECURITY & FIRE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Celebrating Excellence Across Fire and Security

The Security & Fire Excellence Awards bring together professionals from across the sector to celebrate outstanding achievements, innovation, and leadership.

The event recognises the individuals, teams, and organisations whose work continues to raise standards and make a lasting impact across the fire and security industries.



30th November 2026



JW Marriott, London

Register Your Interest

Spotlight



Mark your **Calendars!**

29th October,
2026 at
🕒 08:30 AM – 4:15 PM



**hinxton
hall**
conference centre

Price:
ASC Members: **FREE** /
Guests: **£60.00 (inc VAT)**

A closer look at this year's ConSeC 26

The ASC's flagship conference returns for its 32nd year, bringing together professionals working across security, risk and resilience.

This year's theme looks at the security challenges that come with increasingly connected urban environments. As technology becomes more closely integrated into buildings, infrastructure and public spaces, security needs to be considered alongside the systems and environments it protects.

This year's programme introduces two dedicated conference streams, giving delegates the opportunity to explore the subject through different areas of expertise.

Theme: Smart Cities – Smart Security:

Where Urban Innovation Meets Intelligent Solutions

[Book Your Seats!](#)

Delegates in
attendance

250+

Organisations
represented

40+

Expert speakers
and contributors

30+

A Look at the ConSeC 26 Exhibitors

At ConSeC 26, the exhibition floor is where you can get into the detail. Talk to the people behind the products and services, see what they're working on and ask the practical questions that matter.

This year's line-up brings together organisations working across different areas of the security landscape, from technology and systems to specialist consultancy and professional services.

SHOWCASE OF SECURITY EXPERTISE

Who You'll Meet

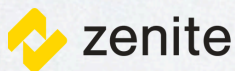
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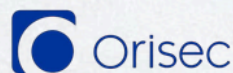


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ConSeC 26's exhibitors bring a mix of **expertise, technology and services** supporting the security profession, offering an opportunity to see different approaches!



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Looking Ahead

Moving Into Autumn

There is plenty happening across the ASC in the weeks ahead. The next few months will be an important period for the ASC, with several key dates now approaching.

We hope members will make the most of the events, conversations and opportunities coming up and continue to play an active part in the Association.



Until next month, thank you for being part of the ASC community.

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