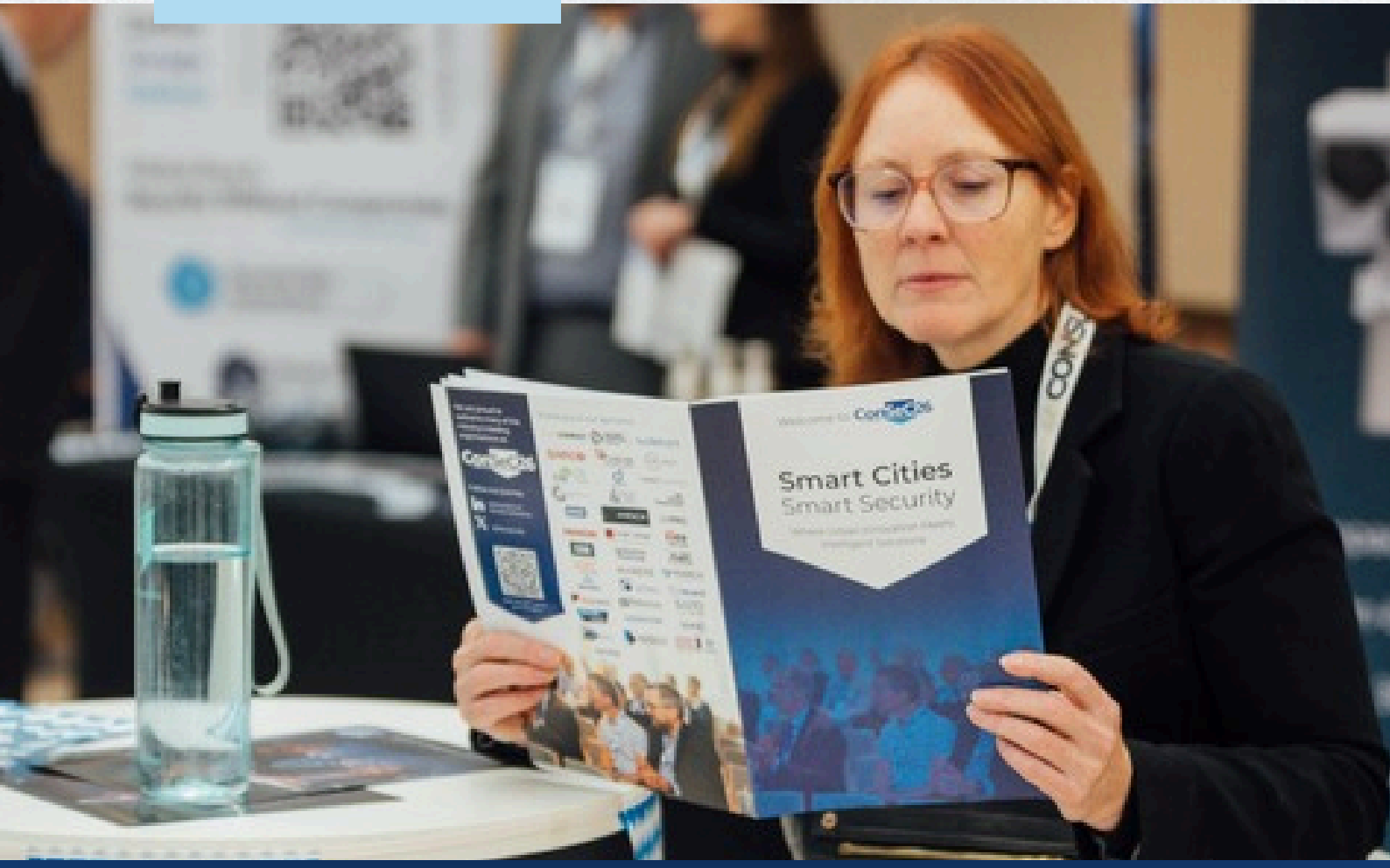
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The Sentinel

Your Monthly Bulletin from the ASC



Delivering

Insights, Updates, and Opportunities.

Introduction

Events, Engagement and **What Comes Next**



Simon Crane
ASC Chair, International Development & CSyP Lead

October was a landmark month for the Association, with ConSeC 26 placing the spotlight on this year's theme, *Smart Cities - Smart Security: Where Urban Innovation Meets Intelligent Solution*. The event welcomed industry leaders, security consultants and academic professionals for valuable discussions on the changing security landscape and the challenges of increasingly connected environments. The day continued with the presentation of the ASC Awards, recognising excellence, expertise and meaningful contributions to the security profession, followed by the Gala Dinner. The evening provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations helping shape the future of security, bringing a fitting close to a significant day for the Association and its wider community.

ConSeC 26 was the result of months of planning, coordination and commitment. It was encouraging to see those collective efforts come together through scope of professional exchange. Beyond the event itself, our focus remains on creating opportunities for the profession to grow, including through the Career Pathway Programme, which aims to help younger generations understand the opportunities available to them and find their place within the security sector. Supporting the next generation is an important part of ensuring the profession continues to develop.

Our attention now turns to the *Autumn Seminar*, centred on the importance of a unified approach to security. As the challenges facing our profession become increasingly interconnected, collaboration across disciplines, shared understanding and a coordinated approach to risk are more important than ever. The seminar will provide an opportunity to explore how different perspectives and areas of expertise can work together to strengthen security practice, while continuing the conversations and knowledge-sharing that remain central to the Association's work.

With the year drawing to a close, there is still plenty to look forward to across the Association. I hope the coming months provide further opportunities for our members to connect, share experiences and continue contributing to the security profession. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and carrying this momentum into the new year.

In the meantime, welcome to the November edition of *The Sentinel*.

Hear from our Board:



Lee Doddridge

ASC Director - Vice Chair & Events Lead

We are so close to the end of another year which has been an amazing period of growth and development for the ASC and it's members. As strategic lead for all our internal and external events, the focus on increasing our presence and positioning within the security industry is essential.

Whilst we are still processing the feedback from ConSec 26, this month the planning commences for ConSec 27. Each ConSec is themed, so what challenges may we face in 28/29? Horizon scanning is a vital part of security planning and ConSec 27, we need to ensure it informs and prepares our members. I would welcome the views of the membership to help shape and deliver another amazing ConSec.

Looking ahead to next year, at Total Security Europe (TSE) we will have a larger stand and we will host Day Two of the Security Leaders Summit. At the International Security Expo (ISE) we will have our very first ASC Pavillion which will accommodate up to 14 member booths, this is an amazing development and recognition of the richness and value the ASC and members bring to the industry. There is one more major announcement to come.....

But the year is not over, we still have the CPD event with Barco and our Autumn Seminar then in December we will convene once more for the ASC Carols and Christmas Dinner at the House of Lords.

The ASC calendar for 2027 includes 19 events, we are a membership organisation, so it would be phenomenal to have more members attending and assisting at all our events.



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Dennis Roe RISC

ASC Director - Academic Engagement and Professional Development Lead

Celebrating Excellence, Inspiring the Future

ASC Awards Gala 2026

Academic Excellence and the Next Generation

ConSeC 26 brought together practitioners, academics and emerging professionals at Hinxton Hall, Cambridge, on the 29th of October. Alongside the conference programme, the ASC Awards Gala celebrated achievement across the security profession. For the Association, however, one award offered a particularly clear demonstration of why stronger links with academia matter.



The 2026 **Imbert Award** was presented to **Victoria Pond,** a University of West London graduate whose master's research examined how effectively current risk-management strategies inform law-enforcement decision-making for high-profile events. With more than 18 years' professional experience spanning policing, aviation and rail, Victoria exemplifies the value of bringing operational knowledge into academic research, and bringing the resulting evidence back into practice.

Established in 2005 and named in honour of the ASC's first Patron, Lord Peter Imbert, the award recognises outstanding master's-level research into security and risk. Congratulations also go to fellow finalists Gareth Conlon and David Watson, both from the University of Portsmouth, whose work demonstrated the breadth of professional questions that academic study can help address.

Perhaps the most inspiring images of the evening are the photograph bringing four people together: **Edie McCoskrie**, an ASCEND student and member of the ASC's Academic Advisory and Engagement Committee (AAEC); Imbert winner **Victoria Pond**; her academic supervisor, **Dr Garry Evanson** of the University of West London; and ASC Director & Imbert Judge **Nigel Cook.**

Those images showcase a student helping shape the profession's future, a graduate recognised for outstanding research, a leading academic supporting the development of knowledge, and a senior established practitioner providing professional and sector leadership. Their careers are different, but the connection is unmistakable. The photograph captures the relationship between learning, research, experience and leadership that the ASC strives to foster.



Edie also chaired the conference's academic seminar, taking a prominent role in introducing speakers and guiding discussions. Giving an ASCEND student that responsibility demonstrated that meaningful academic engagement is not merely about inviting younger people to attend events. It is about involving them, recognising their contributions and creating opportunities to participate.

The Imbert Award, ASCEND and the AAEC are distinct initiatives, but together they reflect a shared ambition: to bring academic enquiry and professional practice closer, and to encourage the next generation to help shape the standards and ideas of tomorrow.

Recognising **Leadership**, **Independence** and **Innovation**

The Gala also recognised three further recipients whose contributions illustrate the range of work that strengthens the security profession: championing inclusion, demonstrating the value of independent consultancy and developing technology around real operational needs.



Liz Lloyd | bsia

The Chairman's Award was presented to **Liz Lloyd of the British Security Industry Association (BSIA)**.
Selected personally by ASC Chair Simon Crane, the award recognised Liz's exceptional work throughout the year advocating for women in the security industry.

Much of this commitment has been delivered without the recognition it deserves. The ASC has supported this agenda through sponsorship and participation in relevant events, and the award offered a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the people driving meaningful progress.

The Mike Cahalane RISC Award went to **Chetan Vasudev of PTS Consulting UK Ltd for Project Zeus.**

His submission described independent security assurance on a £70 million London retail development with just four weeks remaining before a planned opening. Facing concerns about the readiness of several security systems, PTS introduced structured technical auditing, risk-based prioritisation and clear reporting.

The entry reported that security readiness rose from 60% to 98%, with critical defects addressed in time for opening. It is a compelling example of how independent judgement and evidence-based consultancy can change an operational outcome.



Chetan Vasudev | PTS

The Mike Cahalane MASC Award was won by **Gary Dean, Founder and Managing Director of Audiebant**, for work on turning emergency communication into a proactive risk-management capability.
Rather than relying on a single alarm, Audiebant's approach uses zoned instructions delivered through audio, screens and mobile devices, with prepared messages helping reduce reliance on improvisation under pressure.

At the Glasgow School of Art, for example, its system enables different buildings across a dispersed estate to receive different instructions during an incident. The submission also highlights the value of using such technology for routine communications, so staff are familiar with it before an emergency occurs.

Together, these awards recognise different but complementary forms of contribution: improving opportunity across the industry, assuring that security investments work as intended, and translating risk assessment into practical protection.



Gary Dean | audiebant

Further details of the 2026 winners and their award entries will be published soon.



ASC Expertise Helps Shape a **New National Competence Initiative**

What makes someone competent to survey and design a fire or security system? It is a question with consequences long before installation begins. An inadequately assessed risk or flawed design may undermine even the most technically advanced equipment and installations.

The Association of Security Consultants (ASC) has long championed the importance of raising professional standards across security consultancy, system design, risk management and associated disciplines. A newly announced national initiative offers an important opportunity to advance that ambition.



The FESS UK Employer Groups Forum has established a UK-wide Surveying and Design Working Group, appointing ASC Director Dennis Roe RISC as its Chair.

The initiative was introduced by **Trevor Jenks**, Chair of the FESS UK Employer Groups Forum, during the academic seminar at ConSeC 26.

The setting was particularly appropriate. With the academic seminar chaired by a student through the ASCEND initiative (Edie McCoskrie), the announcement connected education, research and professional development with the practical challenge of establishing measurable standards of competence.

Bringing together employer perspectives from all four UK devolved nations, the working group will identify the skills, knowledge, experience and behaviours required for surveying and design roles, from new entrants through to experienced designers and **specialist consultants**. Its findings will contribute to the developing FESS Routes to Competence framework and inform subsequent reviews of relevant National Occupational Standards (NOS).

Dennis Roe's appointment draws upon more than three decades of security engineering and consultancy experience, alongside technical assessment, national standards development and doctoral research at the University of Portsmouth.

As Dennis highlighted in the official announcement: *"Even the best installation and maintenance cannot necessarily compensate for a system that was inadequately assessed or incorrectly designed in the first place."*

For the ASC, the significance extends beyond surveying and design. Establishing credible, demonstrable competence criteria within these disciplines could provide a valuable model for other areas of security consultancy, risk assessment and specialist professional practice.

While the working group is an independent, employer-led initiative, its objectives closely align with the ASC's longstanding commitment to advancing professional standards. Through its academic engagement, professional development activities and indirect participation in this national initiative, the ASC continues to demonstrate that raising standards requires more than ambition. It requires meaningful involvement in shaping how professional competence is defined, developed and demonstrated.

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Exchange



Gorran Fuller

Commercial Business Development Manager

Changes to a building's use can have a direct impact on its security and fire safety systems. Refurbishment, expansion or a change in how space is used may mean systems designed around the original requirements no longer provide the right specification.

Planning for these changes at the design stage can make a difference to how easily systems can be adapted later.

Access control, video surveillance, fire detection and cloud-based management are often specified alongside one another, with each technology serving a different purpose.

How these systems are selected and connected can affect how they are managed once a building is in use, including how information is accessed and how changes are made over time.

Existing infrastructure and compliance requirements also need to be considered alongside the intended use of the building and any plans for future changes. This can influence the choice of technology, how systems are configured and whether different elements need to work together.

Comelit-PAC brings together security and life safety technologies with PAC's established access control expertise, with projects spanning commercial, residential, education and public sector environments.

Collaboration between consultants, installers, manufacturers and end users can help bring these considerations into the project before installation begins. Early discussions can identify existing systems, technical constraints and potential changes to the building, giving the project team a clearer basis for specification and installation.

For projects involving multiple sites, there may also be a need for consistency in how systems are managed while allowing for differences between individual locations. Cloud-based management is one option for organisations looking to oversee systems across more than one building, although its suitability will depend on the requirements of the individual project.

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ASC News and Updates

01 | Cortech Developments & SECURE LOGIQ

The ASC was pleased to support **Resilience by Design: Business Continuity in Critical Environments,** a free CPD-accredited event organised by **Secure Logiq** and **Cortech Developments.**

The event explored how resilience can be built into security systems from the outset, with discussions covering business continuity, failover, redundancy and long-term operational resilience across critical environments. It highlighted the importance of designing robust, reliable security infrastructure to support business continuity and evolving operational needs.

02 | TOTAL SECURITY SUMMIT 2026

The ASC was proud to support the **Total Security Summit** at the Radisson RED Heathrow, bringing together senior security professionals and leading solution providers to exchange expertise, explore innovative solutions and build valuable industry connections.

Our Vice Chair Lee Doddridge represented the Association at the Summit, joined by ASC member Sarah Jane Cork at the stand. Their presence helped strengthen industry connections and foster meaningful conversations across the security sector.





03 | ASIS INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM — Security is You(th) Innovation Challenge 2026

We are proud to sponsor the **ASIS International Security is You(th) Innovation Challenge 2026** at Goodenough College, London.

Our Chair, Simon Crane, joined the judging panel, supporting emerging talent as students and early-career professionals developed innovative solutions to real-world security challenges.

This initiative reflects the ASC's ongoing commitment to nurturing future industry leaders through initiatives such as ASCEND and the Academic Advisory Committee (AAEC).

Upcoming Events

01 | Security TWENTY 26

The final Security TWENTY event of the year brings together security professionals, end-users and industry experts at Radisson RED, Heathrow, for an afternoon of networking and knowledge-sharing.

Explore the latest security technologies, discover industry innovations and connect with exhibitors and peers shaping the future of security. Entry is free with advance registration.

4th & 5th November 2026

Radisson RED, Heathrow

Register Now

02 | BARCO

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

This free CPD session for ASC members explores how technology can improve control room efficiency, security and everyday operations.

Through expert insights and live demonstrations, discover practical applications of video walls, multi-source integration and Barco CTRL technologies in modern control room environments.

12th November 2026

Barco Customer Experience Centre, Bracknell

Register Now

03 | ASC Autumn Seminar

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

This year's Autumn Seminar will explore how Integrated Management Systems can connect surveillance, access control and risk data to create a more coordinated approach to security management.

Through specialist presentations and real-world case studies, attendees will gain insight into how integrated systems can improve operational awareness, streamline security processes and support informed decision-making.

26th November 2026

The British Library, London

Register Now



Upcoming Events

04 | SECURITY & FIRE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Celebrating Excellence Across Fire and Security

The Security & Fire Excellence Awards celebrate the talent, dedication and impact of those driving progress across the fire and security industries.

Recognising success across a range of disciplines, the awards highlight the people and organisations setting benchmarks for quality, advancing industry practices and making a lasting difference to the profession.

30th November 2026

JW Marriott, London

Register Your Interest

05 | Annual House of Lords Festive Dinner

A Festive Evening at the House of Lords

An occasion that brings together the people shaping the security industry, this year's gathering offers a chance to celebrate shared achievements, strengthen professional relationships and look ahead to what lies ahead.

The evening will provide a setting for meaningful conversations, new connections and the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and peers. Against the distinguished backdrop of the House of Lords, it promises to be a memorable celebration of the community and its continued progress.

House of Lords

3rd December 2026

7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

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Spotlight

ConSeC 26
Conference of Security Consultants



ConSeC 26 explored this year's theme, **Smart Cities – Smart Security: Where Urban Innovation Meets Intelligent Solutions,** examining how connected infrastructure, emerging technologies and evolving risks are reshaping the future of security.

Across the programme, discussions highlighted the need to look beyond individual technologies and understand how interconnected systems influence security, risk and operational resilience. The sessions provided valuable insights into the challenges facing modern cities and the role security professionals play in addressing them.

ConSeC 26 marked an important milestone for the ASC, creating space for meaningful conversations, professional development and knowledge-sharing. The day reinforced a clear priority for the industry: ensuring that innovation and connectivity go hand in hand with security, resilience and informed decision-making.



01 **Consultants Seminar**

Insightful discussions on the challenges shaping security consultancy.

02 **Academic Seminar**

Exploring research, fresh perspectives and the future of security education.

03 **Exhibition in Action**

Showcasing technologies, solutions and innovations across the security sector.

04 **Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase**

Connecting industry expertise with solutions for smarter, more secure environments.

05 **Networking & Knowledge-Sharing**

Building connections and exchanging ideas across the security community.

Highlights of the event

More than an industry gathering, **ConSeC 26** was an opportunity to exchange ideas, challenge thinking and strengthen connections.







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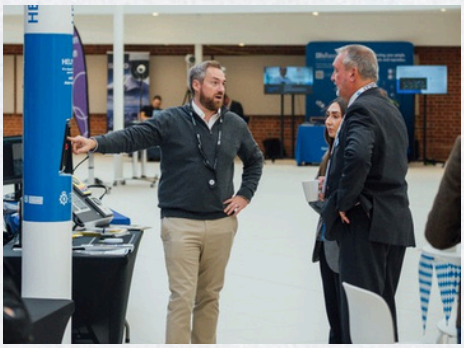




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Looking Ahead

Continuing the Conversation

October was a memorable month for the ASC, with ConSeC 26 creating valuable opportunities to share expertise, celebrate progress and strengthen connections across the security profession. With our Autumn Seminar approaching, there is plenty more to look forward to as we continue these conversations.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Association and contribute to its work.

We look forward to seeing you next month!



Thank you, as always, for staying engaged.

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