

The SIA Small Business Network

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The meeting on Friday 9th October was by any measure a great success.

Hosted by Prudential in their London offices, the event not only attracted representatives from independent companies nationally, but also a great selection of speakers.

It was gratifying to receive the support of so many of the industry's leading organisations, **BSIA, IPSA, SSAIB, The Security Institute, City of London Police, The Association of Security Consultants** in the form of Roy Sutherland and, of course, **The SIA** including new Chief Executive **Bill Butler**. The support of commercial organisations, Golden Shield, Richards International, Britsec Security and Commend UK was also greatly appreciated.

After a welcome from the Network's joint Chairmen, **James Henderson** and **Mike Hurst**, the morning started with John Smith, Group Resilience Director of Prudential PLC, who gave the audience his views on The SIA and the industry generally, from his corporate security position.

Following this, Bill Butler gave a short introduction and took a few questions, and also took an active part in the Q & A session in the afternoon. His time and contribution was very welcome as was that of the large SIA contingent who attend the

meeting.

IPSA were represented by CEO **Justin Bentley** whose presentation was, "British Standards – Help or Hindrance".

Brian Sims Editor of SMT Online gave his views on the Approved Contractor Scheme, and Security Institute General Manager **Di Thomas**, struggling with a cold, outlined the work of the Institute.

During lunch, there was an additional and well-attended presentation on **Security Screening**, by **Jonathan Grey** of **Nova Risk Management**.

Following the lunch break, **Superintendent Lorraine Cussen** of City of London Police, in her presentation covered Community Engagement and Project Griffin and the SIA's **Katie Calienda** spoke on the SIA's intelligence gathering and enforcement operations.

The afternoon was finished off by a short presentation from **Romeo Richards** of Richards International which gave the security officers view of the

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current security climate and a long Q & A session with the SIA panel.

All in all, it was a really good day.

Grateful thanks to these organisations for their support



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