



## Training and Education Committee Short Report 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016

### Philip Willis M0PHI TEC Chair

In response to a public Call to fill a vacancy for the role of Disabilities Liaison, we had a group of excellent applicants with varied but highly relevant experience. I therefore added a **Disabilities Working Group** to TEC, consisting of these applicants. Steve Hambleton was appointed to lead the WG, for one year in the first instance. The WG also consists of Nancy Bone, Mike Bryant and Andrew Cater.

Following the resignation of the Schools Link lead, Ian Stevenson, who provided the original impetus behind the **Schools Link WG**, including making contacts with relevant schools, decided to move on to other things at the end of 3Q 2016. I took on the role temporarily, specifically to get us through the two major *Principia* events in November. These were ably supported by **Youth Committee** as well. Meanwhile the vacancy was advertised and Derek Hughes has taken on the role. WG members Daphne and Peter Butterworth stayed on and also assisted with Principia. Derek is to expand the WG in early 2017.

The **TEC Chair** Philip Willis gave a presentation at the Convention to the Board, covering of TEC activities, structure and needs. He had also pulled together a set of speakers for the “Try Something New” Convention Stream and has contributed an interview to the TX Factor team, to promote TEC activities to a wider audience.

He successfully bid for funding for two small **Workshops**, one for the newly-formed Disabilities team and one for the expanded Schools Link Team. The aim is to hold these by April, to help the team members to meet each other, plan the longer term goals of their WG in the context of the RSGB strategy; and to set in place individual actions for the 2017 activities. The TEC Chair plans to attend as a facilitator.

**Train the Trainers Working Group** continues to power away, leaving a trail of enthused trainers in its wake. Demand is very high so an additional WG member is being sought and will hopefully join early in 2017. Credit is due to the whole team: Derek Hughes, David Evans and Alison Hughes, ably led by Paul Whatton.

The **Syllabus Review Working Group** continues to make substantial progress, with no need for TEC Chair’s intervention. I am very grateful for this calm professional work, not least because it will set the course of the examination training side of hobby for many years.

Our **IT** and our **Promotional Video** Working Groups continue to contribute quietly behind the scenes, again largely self-driven. The **Morse** project awaits a volunteer.