



President's Round Up – Mark Longford The CII is making life e-asy!

This week's edition of Simply showcases two great CII developments that will support those studying and/or recording CPD activity. I'll leave Susan to describe the advances in study courses that deliver materials to your mobile and tablet.

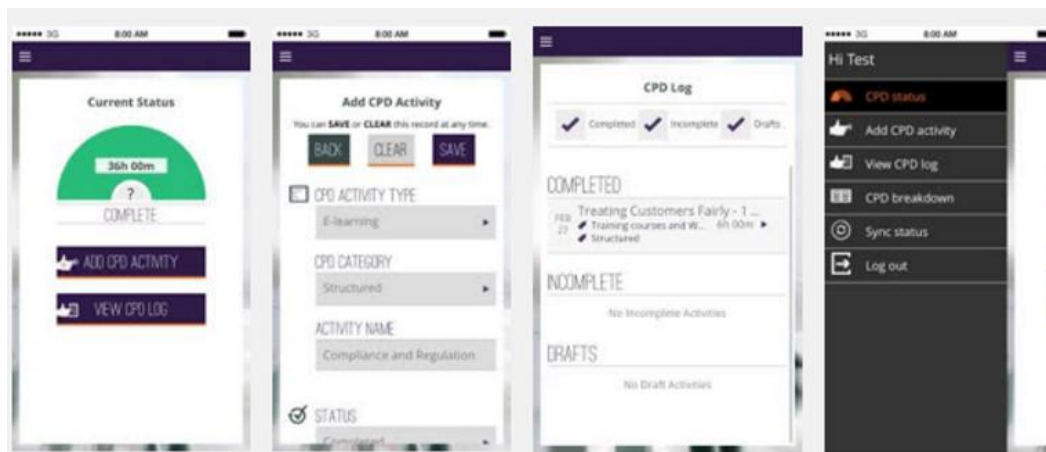


Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is at the core of CII professional standards. Qualifications are a marker in the sand at a particular point in our careers but we need to update our knowledge and there are many ways in which this is done. Much of what we do at work counts as does reading articles and attending CPD events (in person and online). The key to a good CPD record is to identify how it has helped us develop as a professional and this is done at the end of each record with a reflective statement.

Periodically the central CII audits individual records to ensure that they exist (!) and meet the required standard. This year I was selected for review and have experienced the process at first hand. I do maintain my log but sometimes play catch-up entering information retrospectively on my desktop. Whilst finalising my own records, I downloaded the free CII CPD app and wanted to share this excellent tool. It is easy and fast to complete on the move and I particularly welcomed the facility to attach photos of the CPD certificates that are presented at the end of each talk by Susan.



So my top tip this week is to download the app and for more information visit [CPD App](#). Here are some screenshots.





Secretary's Soundbites ('Susan's Stamp!')



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On an IIS note, we have Strategy Group and council meetings on 11 and 17 March respectively. Both are vital as we prepare for the AGM and the forthcoming presidential year, so I'm currently issuing email invitations and following up on any outstanding action points from our previous meetings. I'm keen to get these sorted quickly, so that Mark and Richard can spend as much discussion time as possible on moving forwards rather than trawling backwards! Further, if you're currently a council member, please let Richard know if you're intending to stand for re-election and for which roles.

I'm also appealing for council reports from Mark and team leaders, plus the usual IIS Secretariat member contributions. Please send these to me by 5pm on Monday 7 March, so that I can collate the council pre-meeting pack. If yours is missing, my alter-ego, Nagalot, will be haunting your inbox.....!

Best wishes.



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March		April		May		June	
<i>ML&RC CII London & Dev Review?</i>		<i>Add Notes</i>		<i>CSR Fraud talk? May or June</i>		<i>CSR Fraud talk? May or June?</i>	
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2 We		2 Sa		2 Mo	May Bank Holiday	2 Th	
3 Th		3 Su		3 Tu		3 Fr	
4 Fr		4 Mo		4 We		4 Sa	
5 Sa		5 Tu	Eastbourne Pier fire AF	5 Th		5 Su	
6 Su		6 We		6 Fr		6 Mo	
7 Mo	Council repts deadline	7 Th		7 Sa		7 Tu	
8 Tu		8 Fr		8 Su		8 We	
9 We	Jt Conf mtg PB/SS/(Jones)	9 Sa		9 Mo		9 Th	
10 Th	Kent Conference	10 Su		10 Tu		10 Fr	
11 Fr	STRATEGY GROUP GJ	11 Mo	CII Written Exams	11 We		11 Sa	
12 Sa		12 Tu	CII Written & PFS Q2	12 Th		12 Su	
13 Su		13 We	CII Written Exams	13 Fr		13 Mo	
14 Mo		14 Th		14 Sa		14 Tu	
15 Tu		15 Fr		15 Su		15 We	
16 We		16 Sa		16 Mo		16 Th	
17 Th	COUNCIL ML	17 Su		17 Tu		17 Fr	
18 Fr		18 Mo		18 We	CII NC2016	18 Sa	
19 Sa		19 Tu		19 Th	Jt Network Event Btn U	19 Su	
20 Su		20 We		20 Fr		20 Mo	
21 Mo	PROGRAMME PB	21 Th	Structural defects PB	21 Sa		21 Tu	
22 Tu		22 Fr		22 Su		22 We	
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24 Th		24 Su		24 Tu		24 Fr	
25 Fr	Good Friday	25 Mo		25 We		25 Sa	
26 Sa		26 Tu		26 Th		26 Su	
27 Su		27 We	AGM/Awards Evening	27 Fr		27 Mo	
28 Mo	Easter Monday	28 Th		28 Sa		28 Tu	
29 Tu		29 Fr		29 Su		29 We	PFS Q3 Conf
30 We		30 Sa		30 Mo	Spring Bank Holiday	30 Th	
31 Th		Network News deadline 2 May		31 Tu			