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Dinner 2010

November 3rd
Dorchester Hotel, London W1
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

This year's SPC Dinner event promises to provide excellent food and entertainment and, in keeping with one of SPC's key roles, represents a peerless networking opportunity to meet with fellow industry professionals.

Key Information is:

- **Principal Speaker**

Tim Jones (Chief Executive, Personal Accounts Delivery Authority)

Kevin LeGrand (SPC President from June 1st and Principal and Head of Technical Services at Buck Consultants) will also speak.

- **Presentation of the "SPC Journalist of the Year Awards"**

These awards will recognise one journalist from each of the national press and pensions trade media, who has made an outstanding contribution to pensions journalism in 2010, as voted by SPC members.

- **Sponsorship**

This year, for the first time, we are offering SPC Members the opportunity to associate themselves with the prestige and success of the Dinner, through sponsorship.

We would welcome your sponsorship of one or more of the following:

- ★ The printed list of those attending, available to the 300+ diners on arrival.
- ★ The menu at each place at the Dinner
- ★ The SPC Pensions Trade Journalist of the Year Award
- ★ The SPC National Pensions Journalist of the Year Award

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The sponsorship amount for each is £1,500 (VAT is not chargeable). Please contact John Mortimer as soon as possible to seize these opportunities.

- **Venue**
The Dorchester, Park Lane, London W1

Tickets are £160.00 per head and feedback from previous years' Dinners

indicates that this is a modest cost, which can be re-paid many times over in terms of the useful networking opportunities, which exist to strengthen your business relationships. The price includes pre-dinner cocktails, a five-course meal, half a bottle of wine with dinner and a liqueur with coffee.

As ever, we are keen to encourage "new blood" at the Dinner and ensure that it continues to offer the broadest possible range of networking opportunities for those attending. To that end, if your organisation has never previously been represented at the Dinner, the person making the booking will benefit from a special price of £130.00, as will one additional guest.

The closing date for applications is October 6th, and tickets will be sent to you in or around the third week of October. It goes without saying that this event also makes an important contribution to SPC's funds and the valuable work it does on behalf of your industry.

We very much hope to see you at the Dinner which, we are sure, will be every bit as successful as last year's.

For a booking form, please click [here](#).

SPC London Evening Meetings

This meeting will be kindly hosted by Jardine Lloyd Thompson Benefit Solutions. Handouts are available for the following meetings and can be obtained by clicking on the subjects.

Date	Speakers	Subject
April 19 th 2010	Terry Ritchie and Philippa Aaronson (Capita Hartshead)	Enhanced Transfer Values
May 24 th 2010	Mandy Basham and Nigel Barlow (Just Retirement)	An Update on Annuities and At-retirement processes

SPC contacts

SPC, through its Investment Committee participated in the most recent Debt Management Office quarterly consultation meeting. The meeting was held at the end of March.

Members of the SPC Administration Committee have met DWP officials to discuss DWP's plans for communicating the abolition of defined contribution contracting-out, now confirmed for April 2012. ■



The latest new Members of SPC are:

- **Horwath, Clark, Whitehill,** London EC4
- **Pension Insurance Corporation** London EC3

HMRC's latest update on its pension regulations

For a copy of HMRC's latest update on the state of play on its pension regulations, please click [here](#). ■

Guidance on default funds for workplace personal pensions

DWP has set out its conclusions, following its consultation on guidance on default funds for workplace personal pensions.

For a copy, please click [here](#). We reported DWP's consultation in **SPC News no. 6 2009** and our response to it in **SPC News no. 1, 2010**. ■

SPC responds to Pensions Regulator proposals for regulation of record keeping

We have responded to the Pensions Regulator's proposals on regulation of record keeping: measuring member data, the publication of which we reported in **SPC News no. 2, 2010**.

For a copy of our response, please click [here](#). ■

SPC invited to comment on Insolvency Service consultation: debt relief orders and pensions

We have been invited to comment on the Insolvency Service consultation on debt relief orders and pensions. For a copy please click [here](#).

At the time of preparing this issue of **SPC News**, we had the consultation under consideration. ■

SPC responds to FSA consultation paper 09/31 on retail distribution review

We have responded to FSA consultation paper 09/31 on the Retail Distribution Review. This covered two elements relevant to SPC – professionalism and corporate pensions. For a copy of our response, please click [here](#). ■

SPC invited to comment on BAS consultation on TM1: Statutory Illustration of Money Purchase Benefits

We have been invited to comment on the Board for Actuarial Standards consultation paper TM1: Statutory Illustration of Money Purchase Benefits.

For a copy of the paper please click [here](#).

At the time of preparing this issue of **SPC News**, we have the consultation paper under consideration. ■

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The overwhelming majority of the 500 largest UK pension funds use the services of one or more of SPC's Members. Many thousands of individuals and smaller funds also do so. SPC's growing membership collectively employ some 15,000 people providing pension-related advice and services.

SPC's fundamental aims are:

- (a) to draw upon the knowledge and experience of Members, so as to contribute to legislation and other general developments affecting pensions and related benefits, and
- (b) to provide Members with services useful to their business.