

UK Logistics Forum offers opportunities for collaboration

SMMT hosted the UK Logistics Forum in London last month.

The meeting was attended by 14 companies including Associated British Ports, Caterpillar, CEVA Logistics, Ford of Europe, GEFCO UK, General Motors, Honda UK Manufacturing and Jaguar Land Rover. The group saw presentations on the state of the UK economy with a logistics focus and production outlook from SMMT and AutoAnalysis; skills retention from the sector skills council - Skills for Logistics - and the Modal Shift Centre from Freight Transport Association. Other topics of discussion included cabotage, road lorry user charging, HGV speed limits, CO₂ reporting and management and new technology. Transport optimisation and rail collaboration are set to be key topics for discussion at the next meeting.

The Logistics Forum meets four times a year and receives regular policy and logistics project updates. The group is particularly keen to expand Tier 1 and Tier 2 representation so for more information please contact Rob Morbin, rmorbin@smmt.co.uk, 020 7344 9265.

Open Forum 2013

SMMT will host its next Open Forum event on Thursday 21 March 2013 at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in the West Midlands.

Covering a range of topics pertinent to automotive suppliers operating at every level of the supply chain, SMMT's Open Forum is free to attend and will bring together more than 150 suppliers for a day of presentations, knowledge sharing and discussion.

Delegate numbers are strictly limited, and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book, contact Claire Balch on cbalch@smmt.co.uk or 020 7344 1636. If you would like to exhibit at the event please contact Sian Hughes on shughes@smmt.co.uk or 020 7344 1663. Please note that bookings are also based on a first come, first served basis.

E-mail: memberservices@smmt.co.uk

Website: www.smmt.co.uk/members-lounge/member-services/

Automotive Sector Strategy Update webinar

SMMT's first webinar of 2013 will focus on the Automotive Council's plans to develop the Automotive Sector Strategy.

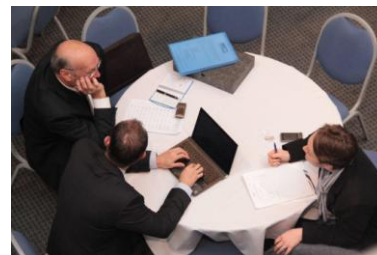
The strategy will build on the work that the Automotive Council has been leading, setting out achievements to date and describing future work.

The strategy aims to:

- Improve the business environment for the supply chain to deliver sector growth.
- Secure the current strengths of the UK automotive sector.
- Transform the sector to low carbon to ensure competitive advantage for the UK.

To register, [click here](#), fill in your details and joining instructions will be e-mailed to you directly.

SMMT 'Meet the Buyer' 2013



Suppliers and buyers can now register interest for the next UK's automotive supply chain networking event on 23 May 2013.

The automotive sector is hugely important to the UK economy, employing over 700,000 people and investing £1.3bn in R&D each year.

SMMT is dedicated to supporting growth in the UK supply base and holds 'Meet the Buyer' events to maintain the commitment from OEMs to source more components within the UK.

Last year's event saw more than 250 delegates register: nearly 50 purchasing personnel representing over 23 OEM and Tier 1 buying organisations, which led to more than 330 one-to-one appointments taking place on the day.

Register your interest for the 2013 'Meet the Buyer' event on 23 May 2013 [click here](#)

SMMT Type Approval Workshops

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) is going on the road to host a series of workshops that will help businesses get to grips with European Whole Vehicle Type Approval.

Organised in collaboration with the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA), these workshops are applicable to bodybuilders and converters of Category O types (trailers) and Category N (light, medium and heavy trucks).

Taking place at locations across the UK in February, the workshops will cover how to obtain approval quickly and easily, with guidance from experts and companies that have already achieved approval.

SMMT Type Approval workshops – venues and dates in 2013:

Wednesday 6 February - Huntingdon Racecourse, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. FULLY BOOKED
Thursday 7 February - Haydock Park Racecourse, Merseyside. FULLY BOOKED
Tuesday 12 February - Bristol Rovers Football Club, Bristol. FULLY BOOKED
Wednesday 27 February - Newcastle Racecourse, Newcastle
Thursday 28 February – Perth Racecourse, Perth, Scotland

The workshops are free to attend, but numbers are limited to 50 people per venue. To book your 'first-come, first-served' place, contact Claire Balch (cbalch@smmt.co.uk) advising which of the venues you wish to attend. For all other enquiries relating to the workshops, contact Tony Hopkins (thopkins@smmt.co.uk).

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Contemporary conference and meeting facilities are available to hire at SMMT's central London Westminster office.



SMMT members have access to **exclusive discounts** and the seven meeting rooms can accommodate groups from eight to 80 people.

For more information about hiring SMMT's office space, contact Claire Balch, e-mail: cbalch@smmt.co.uk

Click here to download the SMMT corporate [hire brochure](#)

Automechanika Istanbul

Turkey, 11-14 April 2013

SMMT is organising a UK exhibitor group to Turkey's leading Automotive Trade Fair, covering all sections of the industry.

For more information and to book your place please contact Ruta Aisthorpe on raisthorpe@smmt.co.uk

