

STA Swim & Save E-zine - December 2012

Welcome to the Swim & Save E-zine

New Level 2 Aquatic Apprenticeship

STA has announced an exciting new partnership with **ICON Training**, which will see the leading training provider deliver a government-funded Level 2 Aquatic Apprenticeship that exclusively incorporates STA's swimming teaching qualifications. [Read more](#)

SkillsActive Welcomes RAPs

SkillsActive hosted a celebration event at the House of Commons on 21st November to welcome the launch of **RAPs** (Register of Aquatic Professionals), which has been developed by the SkillsActive Board with STA, ASA and RLSS as key partners. [Read more](#)

IFSTA Elect New World President

At the 13th IFSTA (International Federation of Swimming Teachers' Associations) conference, which was held in Adelaide, Australia last month, **Jim Lawlor** from Ireland was elected **World IFSTA President**. Jim succeeds **Dr Poluk Chang** of Hong Kong as World President. [Read more](#)

Jim is pictured below with **Roger Millward** (IFSTA CEO), **Dr Poluk Chang** and **Ross Gage** (Director of Swim Australia who hosted the conference).



Volume Discounts on Manuals

In line with the introduction of the new Online Registration System early in the New Year,

Tax Catch Up Plan Targets Tutors

HM Revenue & Customs' (HMRC's), as part of its 'Tax Catch Up Plan' campaign, are targeting those who provide private tuition, instruction and coaching, either as a main or a secondary income. If you are a Tutor or Examiner, it is important that you [click here](#).

FAW & EFAW Online Registration

Early in the New Year, STA Tutors will be able to manage candidate registrations and certification for **First Aid at Work** (FAW) and **Emergency First Aid at Work** (EFAW) online. Tutors who use the Online system will also benefit from a new pricing structure for manuals and training packs that offers substantial cost reductions. [Read more](#)

Updates to First Aid at Work

From **1st January 2013**, important changes to STA's First at Work (FAW) qualification will



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manuals will now be priced based on the volume ordered. This new pricing system has been designed to save course organisers a lot of money, and supersedes any discount rebates previously offered by STA.

Huggies® Swim Savvy Campaign

Huggies® Swim Savvy campaign provides helpful advice to make swimming with little ones an enjoyable and rewarding experience, not to mention hassle free! Huggies® Little Swimmers are the only disposable nappy recommended and endorsed by STA. Find out more [here](#).



First CPD for New Midlands Regional Organiser

On 17th November, STA's new Regional Organiser for the West Midlands, **Margaret Cawley**, hosted her first CPD titled *Enhancing Learning*. [Read more](#)

STA Celebrates Puddle Ducks Swimming Ten-Year Success

STA is looking forward to strengthening its relationship with nationwide swimming school **Puddle Ducks**, as the national franchise marks its tenth anniversary. [Read more](#)

Pictured below are the founders of Puddle Ducks, **Tracy Townend** and **Jo Stone**.

come into effect, in line with HSE requirements. [Read more](#)

The Prince & The Tutor

STA is currently working with the Saudi Arabia Government to create a **National Swim Scheme** for the Kingdom. This has involved several Tutors flying out there over the last couple of months, one of which is **Chris Rees**, who has written an interesting report about his experiences working in Saudi Arabia – read Chris's story titled *The Prince & The Tutor* [here](#).



Games for Advanced Learners

Learning should always be fun, no matter what age or ability the learners are at, even the more advanced learners may be motivated by the addition of jollification through games.

[Read more](#)

New President for Scotland

STA Scotland has welcomed **Joan Sullivan** as its new President. Christine Rankin, who has passed on the President role to Vice President Joan after a successful term, will remain on the Council to support Joan in her presidential duties, and will continue as a Trustee and a valued member of the SQA Credit Levelling Team.

Give the Gift of STAnley

Looking for different gift ideas to bolster your Christmas stocking this year? Then why not give the gift of **STAnley**, STA's cute water safety mascot. The STAnley cuddly toy is now back in stock just in time for

Become a VIP Guest at SPATEX

As an official show partner, STA invites you to join them as their VIP guests at **SPATEX 2013** and gain exclusive access to the show's **Executive Club** where there will be free refreshments, free internet access, cloakroom and a comfortable private meeting area. All you have to do is [click here](#) to register.

COMPETITION - Win Signed Children's Books

As a special treat for Christmas, STA has teamed up with **Macmillan Publishers Ltd**, one of the largest and best known international publishing groups in the world, to giveaway 10 signed copies of **Julia Donaldson's** latest children's book, *The Singing Mermaid*. [Click here to enter](#)



Report from Health and Hygiene in Pools Conference

The Royal Society for Public Health held a two day conference on 19th-20th November, in London on Health and Hygiene in Pools. STA was represented by **Robbie Phillips** - read his conference report [here](#).

At the conference Robbie also hosted a poster presentation on Spa Pools, which can be downloaded [here](#).

Children Who Swim Are Smarter

Experts from the Griffith Institute for Educational Research have found that children who start swimming at a young age



Swim & Save Yearbook Competition Winner

In the 2012 Swim & Save Yearbook, we ran a fun Olympic-themed competition and from all the entries received, we are delighted to announce **Sarah Howard-Jones** as the winner. Congratulations Sarah, you've won a **£50 STA Swim Shop voucher!**

Christmas at **STA Swim-Shop**, and whilst stocks last, if you purchase him before 31st December 2012, you will pay just **£2.99!** (Regular Price: £4.79)

achieve several milestones in areas of cognitive, physical, and language development earlier than the normal population.

[Read more](#)

And Finally...

STA would like to wish all its members, partners and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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