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Marking time

After a pleasant summer break, we are pleased to bring you the latest update from the BCI Benchmark

Last issue brought a bumper pre-autumnal crop of benchmarks, surveys and statistics (what is the collective term for Benchmarks – a participation perhaps, an analysis maybe, or something less flattering?) Nonetheless, in keeping with the season we thought it appropriate to explain how we protect, store and preserve the fruits of our labours so we can benefit from them in the future.

In July, we hit the Big Red Button that harvested the Benchmark’s collected results since January this year and placed them in long-term storage. The archive facility has a number of implications for the members who use the service:

- First, the archive takes a full copy of the entire Benchmark database, including questions and responses, and stores it accessibly within the system. This means we hold an historical record of every participant’s answers to each question for each archive that takes place – an evolutionary map, so to speak
- Second, when the archive completes, all surveys are uncommitted so that anyone who completed the Benchmark and committed their responses, immediately regains access to them. This means you don’t have to re-input any data, and that any improvements or changes you make in this iteration can simply be reflected as a low-intervention update taking approximately ten minutes
- Third, participating members can now gain access to both their current and archived results, providing a sound basis for time series and trend analysis. Naturally, the record grows and with each archive we obtain a clearer picture of how the industry is evolving

All this adds an important time-lapse dimension to the BCI Benchmark’s results and of course, increases the value received by members. However, do remember that this relies on participation and if you took part in the initial wave of activity, we strongly encourage you to revisit the Benchmark and record how things

have changed since your last visit. If you didn’t take part or are a new member, now is a great time to start, knowing that your input will immediately benefit you and will make the programme still more successful and credible.

Full details are on the BCI website, but here are just a few of the compelling reasons for taking part:

- The Benchmark positions against BS25999 and other global standards
- It provides immediate individual analysis in the form of reports and graphs
- It’s scalable so you can answer between 25 and 330 checkpoints.
- The collected data is not sold or used outside the BCI
- It’s completely free and anonymous

To date, participants have used the Benchmark for different purposes, from professionals assessing their own organisation’s continuity capability, through to consultants using the tool to provide a repeatable and consistent gap analysis for their clients. Many have expressed satisfaction and we anticipate many more enthusiastic contributors to this unique body of data.

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