

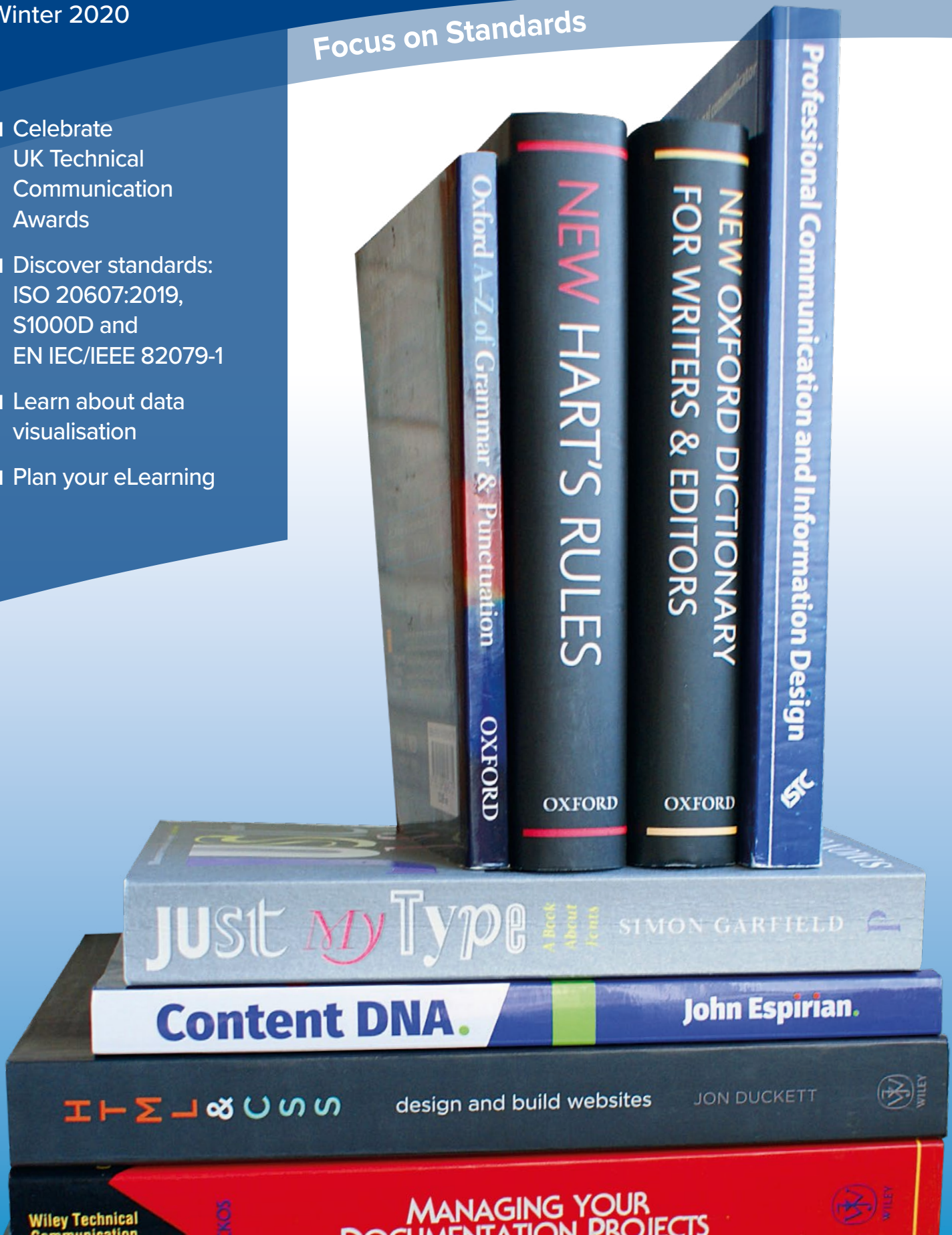
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Mike Austin Award 2020

The ISTC Council presented the award to **David Farbey** for outstanding service as an ISTC member and as an influential ISTC Council member for nine years.

I want to thank the Institute of Scientific and Technical Communicators (ISTC) for honouring me with the Mike Austin Award for service to the ISTC, at TCUK Metro 2020 conference. I have benefitted so much from my time volunteering with the ISTC.

I joined the ISTC in 2000 becoming a Fellow in 2009. My involvement with the ISTC has been varied. I joined the ISTC Council in 2010 and my contribution to the ISTC Council has included responsibility for Learning and Professional Development (including the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme) and the TCUK Conference.

I've worked on the Professional Development portfolio; managed ISTC courses (now discontinued); planned a course accreditation scheme for third party training of technical communication training

vendors. From November 2011 to October 2015: I was Chair of TCUK Conference which involved overall responsibility for organising the UK's largest annual educational event for technical communicators; three days of workshops and presentations, networking and social activities, and a vendor exhibition. I was responsible for planning, budgets, and scheduling, and for operational direction of the whole event. From September 2014, I took over responsibility for Professional Development and Recognition, which included, from time-to-time, Education and Training policy, the ISTC's CPD scheme, Mentoring, and Course Accreditation.

What is the Mike Austin Award?

The Mike Austin Award is presented for outstanding service to the ISTC over a period of time in recognition of



David Farbey with his Mike Austin Award

hard work and conduct of an individual who has helped the ISTC to attain and exceed its objectives. ■

References

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