

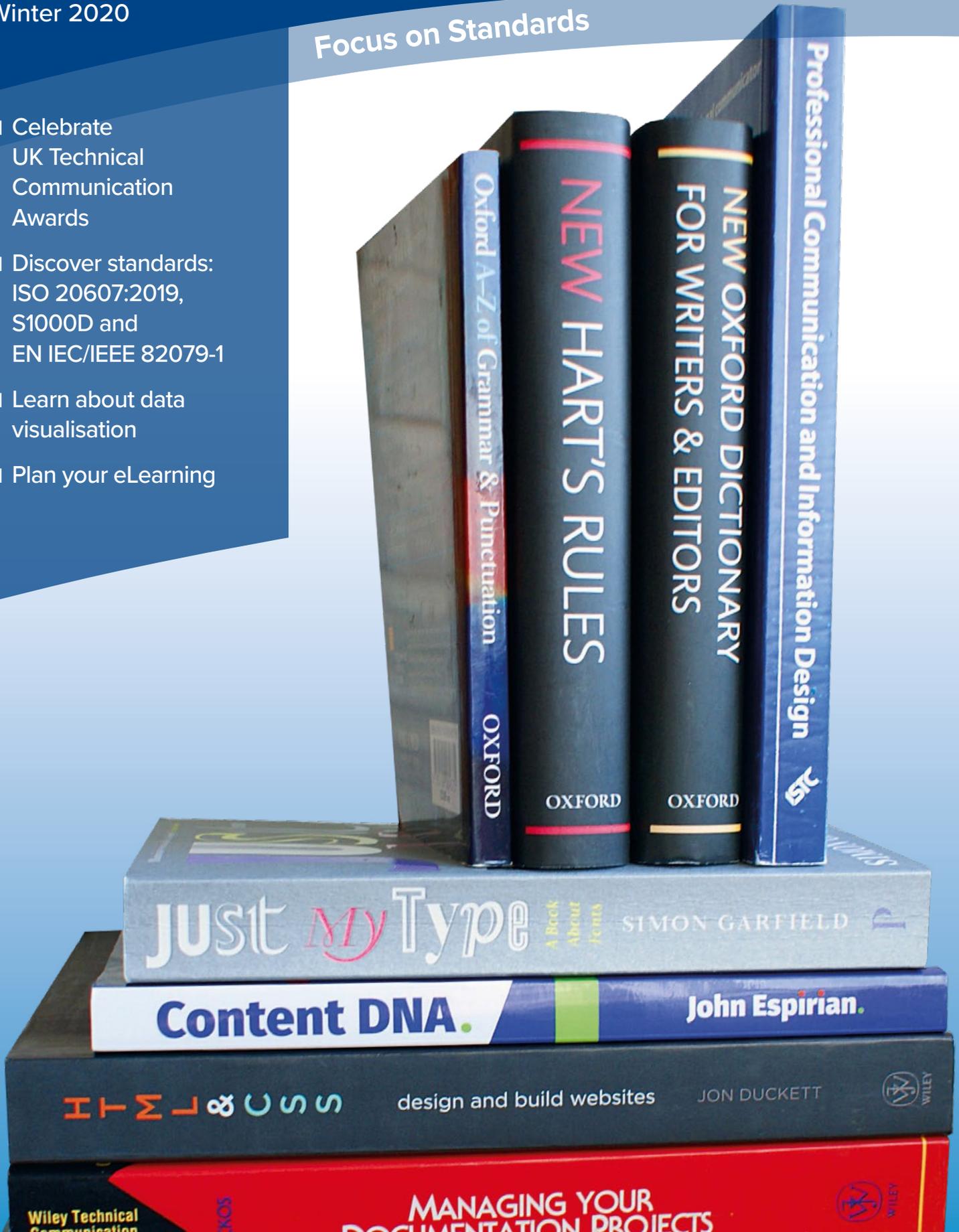
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# ISTC President's Award 2020

A worthy recipient, Elaine Cole was presented with this award in recognition of her excellent service to the ISTC with ASL.



“Elaine worked with the ISTC from the May 2008 until her retirement at the end of 2019. She was very influential in setting up the service and continued to go ‘above and beyond’ in her management of all aspects of our administration with an obvious desire to help ISTC to succeed.”

When Carol Leahy (immediate Past President) invited me to accept the President's Award, to say I was overwhelmed is an understatement. The invitation was completely unexpected and to be honest, it felt a bit strange to be awarded for doing my job. However, it was very gratifying to know that my work was being recognised in this way so I felt truly honoured and delighted to accept it.

ASL<sup>1</sup> took on the administration of the ISTC in May 2008 just as we were moving office to Airport House in Croydon and I was assigned as the ISTC's Executive Administrator. The administration was mainly carried out in Airport House by me and other team members in Croydon with the bookkeeping being undertaken in

Yorkshire. In those early days ISTC Council held face-to-face meetings every quarter on a Saturday but after a year or so, the face-to-face quarterly meetings changed to bi-monthly virtual meetings with an annual face-to-face meeting in November, and of course the AGM held during conference.

ASL carried out the conference administration for the very first TCUK in 2009 which was held in Derby. Paul Ballard was the first conference Chair of TCUK, followed by David Farbey and Derek Cooper. Although conference was a whirlwind of activity it was always lovely to see ISTC members, many of whom have become friends and who I miss being in contact with on a regular basis.

In the course of my time looking after the ISTC administration, we implemented a number of improvements and which my successor, Chantel Sankey is continuing to do.

2020 has been a very strange year, for us all, and nothing like I expected my first year in retirement to be. Plans for holidays and outings have been put on hold but on the plus side, I have met people in my village, which I might not have done had I been gadding about! Let's hope that life will improve for us all.

I wish the ISTC and its members every success for the future. ■

Elaine Cole

## Member news

as at 6 November 2020

### New members

A warm welcome to all new members who have joined the ISTC.

#### Member

Nadine Beasley	Dorset
Mhari Duncan	Scotland
Sarah Eager	North Ayrshire
Olivia Gwyn Jones	East Sussex
John Pickett	Switzerland



#### Junior

Johanna Coleman	West Yorkshire
Ewa Ilkow	Ireland
Eleanor Lovelock	South Yorkshire
Jacqueline Massenhove	Essex
Lucy Warwick	Oxfordshire
Martin Williams	Isle of Wight

#### Student

Laura Cannon	Northumberland
Joann Rowlands	Cheshire
Stephen Wild	Berkshire

### Transfers

Congratulations to all on your new membership status.

#### Member

Mark Monaghan	Edinburgh
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### Rejoiners

Welcome back! We hope you gain much from your membership.

#### Member

Claire Annand	Hertfordshire
Anthony Diserens	Anglesey
Chris Hanley	Lancashire
Daniel Jennings	Oxfordshire
Jim Snowden	Berkshire



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1. ASL is the name of the organisation which provides the ISTC with administrative services, since 2008.