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Welcome back to everybody after the holiday break. *NEWSLETTER No. 47* will follow shortly after the dust has settled on the **irm** Forum, but in the meantime there are some matters of order that need to be announced:-

1 of 2 – our new Name

At the recent AGM, the decision on the long overdue amendment to our name was entrusted to the SIG executive (PB, CW and BW). After considering the many useful suggestions that members had submitted, we have chosen:

Human factors and communication

This change will take effect from today’s date and the next *NEWSLETTER* will include a feature on the evolving scope and opportunities that will be on offer to members.

2 of 2 – Forum action on the Tuesday (22nd September)

You will recall that we are not running a workshop this year, the decision being taken some months ago due to the work load involved with Guide preparation. However, I am pleased to advise that the **irm** are continuing the SIG lunch table format that worked so well in 2008. Unfortunately, both our Chair, Pauline and Secretary, myself; are not delegates so will have to give apologies and of course this meeting is restricted to people registered to attend the Forum.

I am told that there will be clear signage for delegates on the day (remember now ***Human Factors and Communication***) and I am delighted to advise that one of our founder members, Andrew Mills, has agreed to host the table for the SIG. In addition to our existing members it is hoped that some guests will attend and we can encourage some new recruits. I confirm that this lunch arrangement is on the Tuesday only. And the timing is 12.15 to 13.30 hrs. There are similar SIG tables on offer from others on the Wednesday (***Editor’s hot tip: is the Innovation, Value and Opportunity SIG as there is some common ground and we have a few joint members already.***

And now the different Forum

Breaking news, is the **irm** have called a Special General Meeting at 5.00 pm on the Tuesday 22nd September at the same, just south of Coventry, venue – “University of Warwick” (which is not in Warwick). This is open to all voting members of the Institute. It has occurred to me that if any SIG members are not registered for the

Forum but wish to attend the Special General Meeting, or indeed any other SIG members in the area may wish to get together at a local hostelry from around say 6.30 whilst the delegates go off to the awards dinner later in the evening, we could organise a get together – I think we would need say 3 or 4 minimum to make this worthwhile, so if you could drop me an e-mail and if there is interest I can explore suitable venues with “pub grub” in villages nearby and co-ordinate the meeting.

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And lastly, a thought to leave you with:

Your editor's local council have recently announced that they are leaving areas of grass in the local parks uncut to encourage flora and fauna. Having a suspicious mind, I rather took this to be a bit of spin on “there's a shortfall in the mowing budget”.

As we didn't have the customary lighthearted Summer issue this year, I have inserted a photo so that members can make up their own minds. The editorial mastiff is in the foreground:-

