

SIGiST Election Manifesto – Sept 2018

Name: Phillip Isles

Role Applied for: Secretary

About me:

I have been working in the field of Software Testing for over eighteen years; starting out as a Test Analyst, and I am now a full-time Test Manager for a large international bank. I am passionate about Software Testing and the Testing Process and try and help others improve their Testing abilities by giving my knowledge and time voluntarily to several organisations. I have worked with BCS Professional Certifications on the Software Testing and User Experience qualifications, undertaking numerous roles including syllabus preparation, Training Provider auditor, exam marking and exam question setting. I also work as part of the ISTQB UK Testing Board Accreditation Panel, reviewing courses for the Software Testing and related Foundation and Advanced qualifications. I've held the role of Tester Editor and Special Projects Secretary for the SIGiST for the last six years.

I am a keen swimmer, and can often be found training at 6 am in the morning. I compete at the Masters level within my county, and occasionally at European level.

Why I would be the right person for this role:

I've worked as part of the SIGiST committee for the last nine years as Tester Publisher, Tester Editor and Special projects Secretary. During that time I have undertaken numerous projects, all to help promote the SIGiST. As well as editing The Tester for the last six years, I have chaired numerous sessions during the one-day conferences and represented the SIGiST at BCS events. In my role as Tester Editor, I have sourced a number of articles for The Tester from the Testing community, especially from Testers who haven't had anything published before. I unofficially promote the SIGiST at non-SIGiST IT events I attend.

Being a Tester, I like correct details and I would accurately record SIGiST committee meetings and SIGiST events. I would continue to support the SIGiST in the direction that it is moving. I have been covering the role of Secretary for the last couple of months.

What would I do if I won the role:

If I won the role of SIGiST Secretary, I would continue with the promotion of the SIGiST and Software Testing at all related events that I attend. As well as supporting the other members of the committee where required, I would suggest and run my own projects where possible. I would also take on the role of managing the content on the SIGiST web pages.