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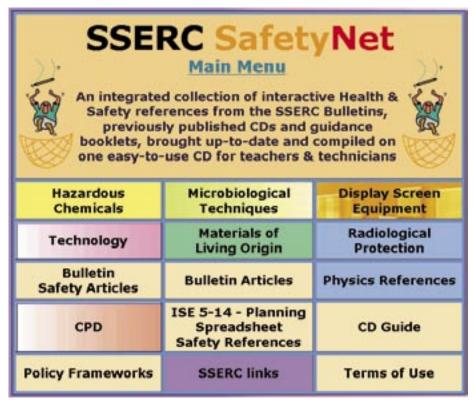
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## SafetyNet surfaces!

It has taken a wee while but, as they say, good things are worth waiting for. Just like our, what seemed interminable, search for new premises, we have reached the stage with our SafetyNet CD when we can now let you have it, so to speak. We have been wary in the past of touting vapourware and this CD was coming dangerously close. A combination of the SSERC move and difficulties in obtaining important data are offered as believable excuses since we were conscious of promising the Technicians' Conference in Crieff last November that it would be ready in January of this year. Apologies all round to those who were disappointed.

Contrary to what we did with previous CDs this one is free to all secondary schools and such establishments currently in membership of SSERC. This



forms part of what we call a service level agreement with each of the Education Authorities who subscribe to SSERC.

We shall endeavour to update SafetyNet annually in order that you have the latest safety information on hand in your schools. The ideal location would be to mount it on your school network as it contains more information than is strictly relevant to science and technology. We are working on ways of delivering up-to-date content to all schools which doesn't involve sending out hundreds of discs or active web access. Watch this space.

## Retirals

We are sorry to announce the retiral of two of our longest-serving staff members.

John Richardson, Lead Officer with the Supporting Science Education through CPD Project and former Director of SSERC has decided the lure of piscatorial pursuits is preferable to the co-ordination of a panapoly of courses in personal professional progress. John joined SSSERC in 1973 as Assistant Director and was appointed Director in 1982 after the untimely death of Joe Stewart, the very first Director of SSERC. He successfully steered us through many difficult political and financial waters as well as two moves of premises and close to 150 SSERC Bulletins. John will be missed for his encyclopaedic knowledge of all-things-SSERC, anarchic humour and shrewd ability to know the right people at the right time. His legacy of work in the aforementioned Bulletins is plain for all to see and will form the guidelines on 'how to communicate scientific knowledge to teachers, technicians et. al' for years to come.

All at SSERC wish him all the best in his well deserved retirement. Tight lines!

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