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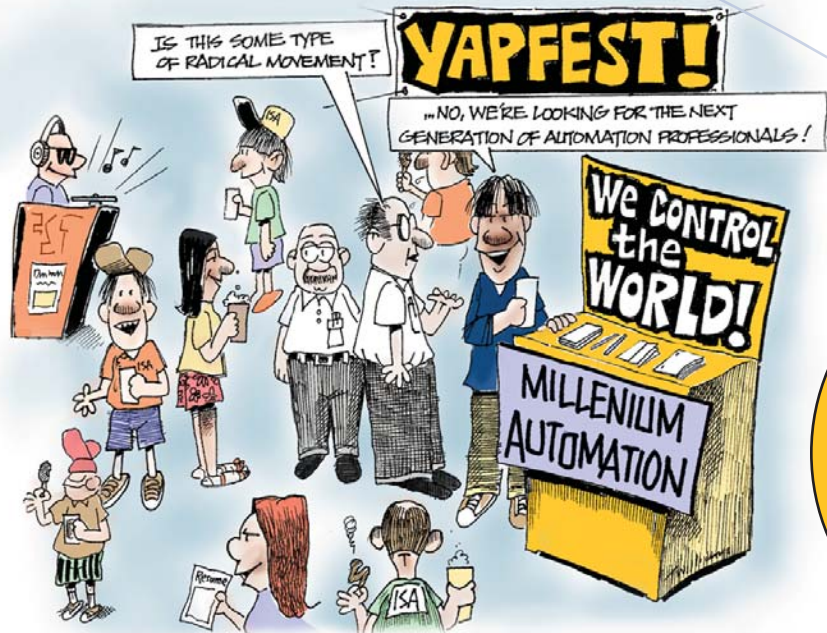
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Announcements!

Is the ISA Mentor Program for you? Read about this rewarding program for young professionals and students at www.isa.org/mentor.

ISA EXPO 09
6-8 October
Reliant Center, Houston, TX
Automation and Control
Technology and Technique

Get Ready for YAPFEST 2009



Wow, 2009 is just blowing by! Students are already returning to campus after a much needed summer break. It's hard to believe that loyal Houston, Texas area students and new YAPs will be meeting up at YAPFEST in less than a month during ISA EXPO for an awesome networking party!

YAPs can look forward to networking with peers and representatives from leading industry organizations, free food and drinks, entertainment, giveaways, and a raffle for a new laptop! Networking is helpful in landing a job right out of college. It can help you make connections with people who can help you get a foot in the door. YAPFEST is a prime event that offers a festive atmosphere to help you make the right career connections.

YAPFEST continues to grow in attendance each year and more organizations want to get involved.

This year, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, a Houston Professional Chapter, will attend YAPFEST to make connections with young automation professionals and spread the word about its membership opportunities. ASCO Numatics and Chevron will return as event sponsors and are excited to talk with YAPs. Our event sponsors offer real-world examples, including insights into working environments, and advice on how to kick off a career in automation.

We will host YAPFEST on the ISA EXPO show floor on 6 October from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ISA looks forward to meeting up with all of the YAPs in our new location this year. Don't forget to arrive early to see the latest and greatest products and services on the ISA EXPO show floor!

If you have not registered for YAPFEST 2009, go to www.isa.org/yapfest to register today!



Join the YAPFEST Group on Facebook!
Go to
www.isa.org/yapgroup

Engineers can change the world

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Engineers have an important place in American culture, but getting that message across to students is more of a challenge today than ever before. The nation and world need well-trained engineers who can interface with other segments of society. "We need to help young people think more clearly about what we do and why it's important," said Chuck Vest, president of the National Academy of Engineering and president emeritus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, during the March 2009 National Academy of Engineering's Grand Challenges Summit in Durham, N.C.

"When we asked young people why they didn't go into engineering, they said, 'I wanted to help make things better.' So we're doing a miserable job of explaining what we do," [Vest continued]. Read on at www.isa.org/yaparticle.

Opinion Survey

If you are a prior YAPFEST participant, we would like to know what YAPFEST offers that keeps you coming back each year. If you're attending YAPFEST for the first time, we would like to know what intrigued you to take part.



Take a few minutes to answer five questions of our survey. Your feedback will be helpful in future YAPFEST event planning. **Visit www.isa.org/yapsurvey**



Founded in 1945, the International Society of Automation (www.isa.org) is a leading, global, nonprofit organization that is setting the standard for automation by helping over 30,000 worldwide members and other professionals solve difficult technical problems, while enhancing their leadership and personal career capabilities. Based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, ISA develops standards; certifies industry professionals; provides education and training; publishes books and technical articles; and hosts the largest conference and exhibition for automation professionals in the Western Hemisphere. ISA is the founding sponsor of The Automation Federation (www.automationfederation.org).

Would you like to start building your career network now?

You can start today! Join ISA, and join a world where networking opportunities open up to you. Attend local ISA Section meetings, or local Student Section meetings, and mingle with others who can advise you in your education and career, as well as share ideas, exchange knowledge, and work with you to shape your future.

ISA provides you with the most up-to-date technical information available, so you'll always be in-the-know on relevant issues.

Visit www.isa.org/memberbenefits to learn more and join. For students, membership is \$10 per year; for professionals, \$100.

Student Members also can apply for ISA's many educational scholarships. Visit www.isa.org/scholarships today. Hey, ISA membership makes a great gift. Spread the word!

Did You Know?

- As an automation professional, you could make cars safer, sound systems deliver better acoustics, medical tests more accurate, and computers and cell phones are a lot more fun.
- Automation professionals work with companies like, Disney World, Frito-Lay, Sony, NASCAR, and more.
- People who work in the automation profession, save lives, prevent disease, reduce poverty, and protect our planet.

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Conferences & Exhibits

ISA hosts several annual events ranging in size from two-day technical conferences focused on current industry issues, to the largest automation conference and exhibition in North America. These events provide quality education to professionals and provide businesses an unparalleled opportunity to maximize their productivity and ensure their long-term growth.