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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

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I have just completed my first year of my two year tenure as England Section President, the time has flown by.

The last twelve months have seen the England Section host some very successful seminars and also host the District 12 Leadership Conference. Continuing on this theme the England Section hosted a suite of seminars on 19th October at the Madejski Stadium in Reading which once again was well supported. It was nice to see an excellent turnout from the larger contractors Jacobs, Snamprogetti, Foster Wheeler, and Kellog to name just some.

November 24th sees the annual ISA England Section Dinner and this year it will held at the Palace Hotel in Manchester. The event is an opportunity for us to unwind and reacquaint ourselves with colleagues. This event is also one of the key fundraisers for the section so we are grateful to all those who attend.

I have written a short piece about ISA Standards and how to get involved, you may be surprised just how easy it is. Standards are one of our key competencies and member involvement is essential.

Peter Partington

The ISA is one of the leading, global, standards organisations in our industry and its success is down to the participation of the members in the standards process.

**Over 150 published standards, recommended practices and technical reports
Over 4,000 individuals working on standards**

ISA standards are recognised globally by automation practitioners, the ISA works closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

The ISA strives to be at the forefront of technology and standards development with Standards Committees for:

Wireless Systems for Automation (SP100)
Manufacturing and Control Systems Security (SP99)
Enterprise/Control Integration (SP95)
Participation in the development of standards is free and open to all ISA members.

On an ISA Standards Committee there are two types of membership:

Voting Members:

Attendance at meetings is desirable. A high level of involvement with the development and administration of the standard is required in addition to voting on the standard.

Information Members:

Receive meeting correspondence, may attend meetings, may submit draft comments. No vote.

To join a standards committee is simple and can be done on-line at www.isa.org. Just look under the Products & Services section, click on Standards and follow the links, its easy.

Not only can you be a member of a Standards Committee, but you can also suggest subjects for new standards. Again, go to standards and click on the link for suggesting a new standard project. Standards are a core competency of the ISA and the process is open to all members, so if you have an interest or a need get involved.

**** STOP PRESS ****

ISA Makes Standards Free for ISA Members

ISA Members will be able to download (in PDF form) any ISA standard for free as of 1 January 2007. Included in ISA's Executive Board approval of this new member benefit is a financial commitment to support standards development, enabling the Society to continue to grow its standards programs and fund future initiatives.

ISA has traditionally invested over \$1,000,000 per year in its industry standards development programs. The Society has typically recovered only 70% of that investment through the sale of standards. This additional funding commitment assures that ISA will underwrite the annual financial deficit allowing standards development to continue unabated, independent of any other Society business trends. It also adds the new benefit for the Society to provide standards at no charge to its Members

From Octobers Leader Brief

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE ENGLAND SECTION'S MAJOR FUND RAISING EVENT

We **NEED** your support. Why not join us, support the England Section and enjoy this social occasion

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Palace Hotel, Manchester

Friday 24th November 2006

A fabulous Grade 2 listed building that provides both the grandeur and the space you would expect from Victorian architecture. Set in the heart of this cosmopolitan city, within walking distance of theatres, museums and internationally renowned stores, the Palace Hotel combines style and grace with all the benefits of modern day living.

Back by popular demand will be Steve Bayliss, singer/song-writer, who proved such a success at last year's event.. Ask those that attended last year – this is a cabaret not to be missed!

Support the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation industry whilst providing corporate hospitality to your customers, or an "thank you" to your staff. Bring your guests and their partners to **one of the most prestigious events in our industry**

For more information, or to reserve tickets or a table, please contact
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JOINT MEETING WITH InstMC

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF IEC61508

The Catalyst Museum, Mersey Rd, West Bank, Widnes, WA8 6HR

18.00hrs for 18.30hrs start
Tuesday 12th December 2006

Talk to be given by three CE&I engineers from user industries. Listen and learn from three people who have been there and done that!

IEC61508 plus daughters IEC61511 & 61513 are the biggest change in CE&I engineering in years.

Essential lecture for all loop designers or maintainers.

Most of us have heard of IEC61508. Perhaps we know it relates to using instruments in safety related applications

But where and when do we use it?

What happens if we can't find a suitable instruments or systems?

What does an instrument having an 'IEC61508 Certificate' actually mean?

Why don't they all have certificates?

What are the cost and time implications?

What are my legal responsibilities

Duration: 2 hours plus questions , informal 'networking' after the lecture

Refreshments: Free buffet meal from 18:00,

For directions: See: www.catalyst.org.uk or request a map on isa@hima-sella.co.uk

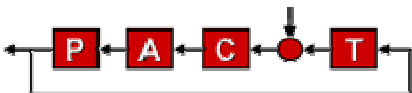
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Mailing of this Newsletter has been kindly sponsored by PACT (Partnership in Automation and Control Training) which is based at the University of Newcastle. PACT is a partnership between the University and 12 major companies in the process industry sector.

The England Section supports PACT in the management of the scheme and by awarding an annual prize to the best student.

Through PACT, the University offers modular courses for the award of a Post Graduate Diploma or MSc in process automation. This scheme enables engineers to acquire CPD points or qualifications leading to chartered engineer status through part-time study.

Bursaries are available for the self-employed or those from smaller companies. Further details about the scheme can be found on the PACT website at www.ncl.ac.uk/pact



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The 2007 Programme of Events is now being considered and should be confirmed by January.

So that we can ensure we are organising events that are of interest to members, please let us have your suggestions as to what type of technical presentations, and any other events, you would like included and we will do our best to try and organise it.

Please contact Gordon Childs, Secretariat with your ideas.

If you don't tell us, we don't know