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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It has been a year now since becoming President of the ISA England section, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all their help and support over the past twelve months, they are all volunteers who even with demanding careers, keep the wheels of our ISA society turning, I cannot believe a year has passed so quickly. Last November we held our annual Presidents dinner which was a resounding success mainly due to the efforts of Gordon Childs who has a few sleepless nights in organizing the event.

The ISA attended two major industry exhibitions this year: EICConnect and HazardEX, both helped to raise our profile and drum up new members. Thanks to Russell Baker, Frank McKenna and others who organised and participated in these events.

A thank you also to David Norman who represented our section at the district 12 leader's conference in Madrid, we hope to have greater representation in the Netherlands in 2009.

I represented the ISA giving two lectures at the Institute of Measurement and Control evening seminars in March and April on the subjects of FDT/DTM and ISA SP100 wireless standards. Again to reiterate our call for new committee members, we would like to see members coming forward to take part in the running of our section and have a pleasurable experience at the same time, there are no prerequisite qualifications or time served membership criteria needed just enthusiasm and promise to put something back to the industry.

With today's daily reports of doom and gloom in the economy our automation industry seems to be weathering the storm especially the ISA whose membership again is still increasing. To lift your spirits and educate yourselves, why not come along to our next seminar "Core competency for a safe system" on the 23rd October at Yokogawa Runcorn and afterwards join us for an informal networking dinner at the 'Cat & Lion Pub' Stretton, Warrington. I am sure it will be a great evening to learn and network and have a bit of fun. – **Russell Hobbs**

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AGM Report 2008

This year's AGM was held on 11th June at the GAMBICA Association's new offices in London. The decision to hold our AGM's in June again instead of September as in more recent years was approved at last year's meeting. This was in order to satisfy RTP's reporting requirements and align the event more closely with our financial year which ends on 31st March. The June date would also allow a handover period during the relatively quieter summer months for newly elected officers to 'learn the ropes' before taking up their posts on 1st September. Traditionally, AGM attendance is always low (unless it's held at a brewery!), but this year was disappointingly so with only a handful of Committee members being present. True, no technical event was attached to the AGM which might have attracted a few more members; mainly because we didn't want a repeat of the embarrassingly low turn out at last year's venue, the De Havilland Heritage Centre. However, the AGM was arranged to coincide with a meeting of the 61508 Association CASS Scheme at the same premises which provided the opportunity for informal discussions with some of their members afterwards. The Committee assumes this lack of interest in the AGM to indicate that members are entirely satisfied with the way in which the Section is being run - or they are afraid of being voted onto the Committee should they attend! Seriously though, if you have any gripes about the way the Section is being run or suggestions for next year's AGM and other events you would like to see explored, then please let us know. And, yes, we would welcome some new blood on the Committee!

The following Officers were duly elected at the AGM:

President - Russell Hobbs

President Elect - Ian Parry

Hon. Secretary - Rob Stockham

Hon. Treasurer - Russell Hobbs (pro tem!)

Welcome to New Members

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to the ISA England Section

May

Colin Easton

Andrew Jesman

Martin Keith Partridge

Mike Shortall

June

Peter John Lapham

Ian McMurray

Shelley Pike

July

Robert Lilley

Mark Mutua

Richard Nicholas

Stephen Pentney

John Graham Walker

Will Clark

Dean Hill

Robert Howshall

Ebby Joseph

August

Steve Owen

Malcolm Thomas Tennant

Peter Vincent

Nicola Bebbington

Eddie Bridges

David Hillyer

Garry Marshall

September

Kenneth Craig Armstrong

Adrian Robert Bowles

Suzanne Cummins

Carl Jackson

Cindy Krishna

Justin Lowe

Jon Mackness

Russell Mulcany

ATTENTION!

We would like to be able to include letters from members in the Newsletter. If you would like to air an opinion on a particular topic relating to our industry sectors please send letter by email to the Newsletter Editor at :

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Anyone wishing to learn more about the ISA and the benefits it brings should contact either

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