

~ Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2012 ~

I have high hopes that in 2012 we will continue to gain momentum in new SPI technologies and features. This LTUF has been a poster child on how a User Forum should work and with your help we can make 2012 even better.

~ SPI LTUF February 2012 meeting seeking Presenters ~



The next Houston SPI LTUF meeting will be held on February 14, 2012, at ConocoPhillips, 600 N Dairy Ashford Rd., Houston, Texas. The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. until noon and be focused on SmartPlant Instrumentation spec sheets. We are

looking for members who would be interested in giving presentations on subjects related to SmartPlant Instrumentation and Instrument Spec sheets. To that end we are asking members to step forward and give us presentations or discussions surrounding SPI instrument specs and related topics, including External Editor and Infomaker. If you or someone in your organization would like to give a presentation at the next meeting, please contact John Dressel, john.dressel@fluor.com 281-263-2764. The invitations will go out on next week, so start making your plans now.

~ Hexagon 2012 to be Held 4-7 June ~



Hexagon 2012 to be Held 3-7 June at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas - Join the world's leading EPC companies and owner operators at Hexagon 2012 for an agenda stacked with exciting educational and networking opportunities. On the

Sunday before the conference, take advantage of SPI-SPEL Technical User Forum meeting led by fellow users and Intergraph product experts. The next three days will be filled with business-relevant sessions covering a variety of topics, including: Owner Operator, Procurement, Fabrication & Construction, Project Execution, Design, Engineering, and Enterprise Solutions.

Intergraph Process, Power & Marine at Hexagon 2012 will offer an array of great sessions led by experts in the design, construction and operation of plants, ships and offshore facilities. Learn how you can leverage Intergraph's SmartPlant[®] Enterprise engineering solutions to boost productivity, reduce timelines and ensure data accuracy across the facility life cycle.

The Hexagon 2012 Schedule-At-A-Glance:

Sunday, June 3 • Technical User Forum Meetings

Monday, June 4 • Paid Training Sessions and Evening Welcome Reception

Tuesday, June 5 • Opening Keynotes, Sessions and Evening Cocktail Reception

Wednesday, June 6 • Keynote, Sessions, Special Evening Event

Thursday, June 7 • Keynote Panel Discussion, Sessions

Before the conference begins, participate in business and technical discussions with Intergraph product experts as well as users from around the world on Sunday, 3 June. Forums include the SmartPlant Instrumentation and SmartPlant Electrical Global User Forums

~ Post your Change Requests to the CR Ranking Website ~



Don't forget to submit your outstanding Change Requests to the TECHNICAL USER FORUM Change Request Ranking Website <http://www.sptuf.com/>. Please visit the site periodically to rank the Change Request to have your preferences included in the ranking. Remember, your participation in the CR Ranking is the best way to get your needs known to Intergraph.

~ SmartPlant[®] Instrumentation Represented on LinkedIn ~



At the SPI / SPEL Global Technical User Forum meeting at HEXAGON 2011, Sally Bos & Nicole Brlek of Intergraph PP&M EMIA Marketing gave a presentation about the benefits of joining a SPI LinkedIn group where Intergraph is officially sponsoring TUF activity and where one will find a single on-line place (community) for experts with the same interests to share expertise, best practices, and experiences with each other, globally, year-round. It will also serve as a tool to help regional chair persons to organize local meetings and provide a clear and simple process for TUF's interaction with the Intergraph product center.



Currently the most active SPI LinkedIn group is the "SmartPlant Instrumentation (SPI) INtools" with over 1,500 members and about 50 discussions. Be aware that this site was public until recently and may be a source of spam emails. The large membership it could also be a source of a wealth of information and solutions to your SPI issues.



The LinkedIn "SmartPlant Instrumentation" group was created to serve as an online discussion forum for year-round SmartPlant Instrumentation networking among SPI users and the Intergraph product owners. SPI users can also share their expertise, experiences and best practices online. This group is for members only so you must receive an invitation to join. To get an invitation, send an email to John Dressel <john.dressel@fluor.com> or Nicole Brlek <nicole.brlek@intergraph.com> requesting membership in this group.

~ SPI LTUF Owner Operator Committee ~



Jim Federlein has been chairing the Owner Operator committee and has done a remarkable job in bringing the Owners together to discuss topics ranging from alarm management to SmartPlant Foundation. Jim has requested that he step down as chair as his schedule and remote access does not allow him to give the committee the time it deserves. So in addition to the election of officers at the February 14 meeting we will be looking for a new committee chair. Please contact: John Dressel, john.dressel@fluor.com or Jim Federlein, jimf@federlein.eng.pro to make nominations to this position



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