

~ SPI LTUF August meeting seeking Presenters ~



The next Houston SPI LTUF meeting will be held on August 11, 2011 at AMEC-Paragon, 10777 Clay Rd, Houston, TX 77041. The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. until noon and be focused on SmartPlant Instrumentation Training. We are looking for members who would be interested in giving presentations on subjects related to SmartPlant Instrumentation. One of the most asked questions on forums and networking sites is how to get user training for SmartPlant Instrumentation. Hopefully, we can get members of the LTUF to share their training methods and practices at the next meeting. To that end I am asking members to step forward and give us presentations or discussions surrounding training programs that they have developed or attended. We are also interested in presentations on any of the following topics: SmartPlant Explorer, Enhanced Reports and Alarm Management within SPI. 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.

~ Intergraph @ HEXAGON 2011 update ~



The SmartPlant Instrumentation & Electrical Global Technical Users Forum meeting was held on Sunday June 5 prior to the HEXAGON 2011 conference and was attended by over 40 members and guests from around the world. You can visit the SPI / SPEL Global Technical User Forum website at <http://www.spi-ltuf.org/GTUF/> to view the agenda and presentations that were given at the meeting.



The surprise announcement at HEXAGON was that Alex Koifman is moving on within the Intergraph organization. Alex will be the new Intergraph Country Manager for all of Russia. Alex has been the SmartPlant Instrumentation and SmartPlant Explorer product manager at Intergraph since replacing Ohad Newton in October of 2004. Before becoming product manager, Alex was responsible for INtools (later SmartPlant Instrumentation), SmartPlant Electrical and SmartPlant Explorer product support and services in North America. While we wish Alex well in his new assignment, we will miss his personable and knowledgeable support for SmartPlant Instrumentation and the Houston SPI Local Technical Users Forum community.



Guy Masin has become the new SmartPlant Instrumentation Product Owner at Intergraph and will be supporting the Houston SPI LTUF and other User Forums throughout the world. Guy is new to Intergraph but comes with over 6 years of professional experience in various disciplines within the Petrochemical engineering Industry. We look forward to working with Guy and hope to assist him in making SmartPlant Instrumentation the flagship application of all the SmartPlant Suite of products.

~ 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.

~ **SmartPlant[®] Instrumentation Tutorial** ~



Did you know that SmartPlant Instrumentation is the only SmartPlant product that has a tutorial built right into the standard documentation? The SPI tutorial will familiarize you with the basic features of SmartPlant Instrumentation. You will learn how to get the program up and running, creating a minimal setup for your plant, and performing all the basic instrument engineering activities for each module. This tutorial will provide you with the fundamental understanding, skills, and practical experience you need to begin using SmartPlant Instrumentation with confidence. In the course of the tutorial, you will be guided step-by-step to create a loop with its associated wiring, line, and instrument process data. You will also perform calculations and generate specification sheets, loop drawings, and installation details (hook-ups). You must use In_demo.db as the source when initializing your database for this tutorial. You will find out more about these tutorial and other tools to expand your SPI knowledge at the next SPI LTUF meeting.

~ **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.



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.



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