

~ Houston SPI LTUF August 14,2012 meeting ~



The next Houston SPI LTUF meeting will be hosted by Mangan Inc. Engineering & Automation Specialists and is to be held at the Phoenix Contact, Customer Technology Center, 3993 West Sam Houston Parkway North Suite 500, Houston, TX 77043.

The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. until noon and be focused on SmartPlant Instrumentation Thinking Forward. This theme is borrowed from Hexagon 2012 that was held June 4-7 in Las Vegas. Many announcements about future releases and features of SPI were made at Hexagon and we hope to share some of that information with the Houston SPI User community. As usual we are asking members to step forward and give presentations or discussions surrounding SPI usage and related topics. 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.

~ HEXAGON June 4 to 7, 2012 ~



Hexagon 2012 at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas June 4 to 7 was a huge success. More than 3 000 representatives of EPC companies, owner operators and vendors took advantage of four days of exciting educational and networking opportunities.

The three days were filled with business-relevant sessions covering a variety of topics, including: SmartPlant Integration, Owner Operator, Procurement, Construction, Project Execution, Design, Engineering, and Enterprise Solutions.

Intergraph Process, Power & Marine at Hexagon 2012 presented an array of great sessions led by experts in the design, construction and operation of plants, ships and offshore facilities. These sessions focused on leveraging Intergraph's SmartPlant® Enterprise engineering solutions to boost productivity, reduce timelines and ensure data accuracy across the facility life cycle.

All and all, Hexagon 2012 turned out to be a great learning experience for all attendees.

~ Intergraph Process Power & Marine @ HEXAGON 2012 ~



The PP&M Global Technical Users Forum chairmen and Intergraph conducted SmartPlant P&ID, Instrumentation, and Electrical Global TUF meetings on Sunday, June 3 prior to the HEXAGON 2012 conference at the [MGM Grand Resort & Casino](http://www.mgmgrandresort.com) in Las Vegas. The program included "Think Forward" presentations by Frank Joop, Meir Stein, Guy Masin & Mike Herod of Intergraph on their vision of unifying the SmartPlant Products, support of newer industry technologies and lowering cost of ownership. Dennis Cooley of Cooley Core gave a presentation on the changes to the TUF Change Request ranking Website and I gave a presentation on Fluor's implementation of SPI, SPEL and SP-PID Interfaces using SmartPlant Foundation. After the morning presentations and lunch, the Instrumentation, Electrical & Process Design groups had separate breakout meetings. For more information go to the PP&M SmartPlant GTUF 2012 website: <http://www.spi-ltuf.org/GTUF12/>

~ 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. The Technical User Forum Change Request Ranking Website has undergone some significant changes including separate ranking sites for SmartPlant Instrumentation, SmartPlant Electrical, SmartPlant 3D, SmartPlant Materials, SmartPlant P&ID and SmartPlant Foundation.

~ SmartPlant[®] Instrumentation Represented on LinkedIn ~



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. LinkedIn has other active SmartPlant Instrumentation groups that may also be of interest. The SPI LTUF officers would like to recommend joining LinkedIn for any user who wishes to get additional support and information from the user communities.

~ SPI LTUF Owner Operator Committee ~



Fred Pollard, INtools Database Lead, CoSyn Technology, Edmonton Operations, WorleyParsons Canada is the new chair for the SPI Owner Operator committee. The next Webex meeting will be Tuesday, August 21st, 2012 from 10 AM to Noon EST. If you wish to take part in this very productive meeting and are not on the mailing list, contact Fred Pollard: pollard.fred@syncrude.com or John Dressel, john.dressel@fluor.com.



Regards,
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