

~ Welcome to the First edition of the SPI LTUF Newsletter ~



Hello and Welcome to the first edition of the Houston SmartPlant Instrumentation Local Technical User Forum Newsletter. My name is John Dressel and I am an Application Specialist at Fluor Engineering. I am also the Chair of the Houston SPI LTUF and the Global SPI/SPEL TUF. My fourteen year association with INtools and later SmartPlant Instrumentation has been a very educational and rewarding enterprise. The most enjoyable part of the experience has been working with the SPI user community. I feel that communication is the key to a successful user group and to that end I have started this newsletter in the hopes that an informed community we be an active community. See the SPI LTUF website at: <http://www.spi-ltuf.org/>.

~ Intergraph 2010 – Global TUF Meeting on August 29 ~



Don't forget the SmartPlant Instrumentation & Electrical Global Technical Users Forum meeting to be held on August 29 prior to the Intergraph 2010 conference in Las Vegas taking place August 30 – September 2, 2010.

This is also a call for papers and presentations to be given at the meeting. Presentations may focus on your experiences with SPI or SPEL, success stories, problems or work processes involving SPI or SPEL or SmartPlant Foundation. No registration is required to attend a TUF meeting. For additional information, see <http://www.intergraph2010.com/schedule/tuf.aspx>

If you are planning to attend and have not submitted your RSVP - please do so by emailing John Dressel, Fluor Engineering - Global TUF Chair john.dressel@fluor.com or Alex Koifman (Intergraph), SmartPlant Instrumentation Product Manager, alexander.koifman@intergraph.com.

~ Post your Change Requests to the CR Ranking Website ~

This is a reminder to submit your outstanding Change Requests to the TECHNICAL USER FORUM Change Request Ranking Website <http://www.sptuf.com/>. This mechanism is used to rank the change requests before submission to Intergraph so they have an idea as to the priorities of the SPI and SPEL user communities. You may also wish to visit the site periodically to rank the Change Request to have your preferences included in the ranking.



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~ Lee College needs help setting up an SPI training lab ~

Lee College, 200 Lee Drive, Baytown, TX 77520 is going to offer SmartPlant Instrumentation as part of their designer/drafting and instrument technician's classes. They have a 40 seat license and a server but no one to install and set it up. They are looking for someone from the Houston/Baytown area to assist them in setting up SPI on their server.

Chuck Carter - Lee College ccarter@lee.edu is asking if perhaps someone from the Houston SPI LTUF could volunteer a few hours to get them online. The LTUF may be able to set up an exchange so that members could go over to the College for training, teaching, etc. Or as the LTUF is trying to get some short classes up and going, maybe we could work something out with the college for access to the training lab for our own training workshops.

If you are interested please contact Chuck Carter - Lee College ccarter@lee.edu - 281-425-6473

~ Houston SmartPlant Electrical LTUF launches ~

On June 18, 2010 the first meeting of the Houston SmartPlant Electrical was held in the auditorium at Fluor in Sugar Land. The meeting was attended by about 20 members from the Houston area as well as about 10 members visiting on the WEB. This meeting marked the beginning of what we hope will be a productive and active sister community to the SPI LTUF.

At the first meeting the members adopted the P2C2 SmartPlant Electrical LTUF of Houston Organizational Charter and elected officers. The new officers are SPEL LTUF Chairperson - Majed Abouhatab of Fluor, SPEL LTUF Vice-Chair - Mimi Chang of The Shaw Group and SPEL LTUF Secretary - John Banda of The Shaw Group.

The new Houston SmartPlant Electrical Local Technical User Forum website <http://spel-ltuf.org/> was introduced and Meir Stein, Intergraph - SPEL Product Manager was on hand to give a product overview and demonstration. All and all, it was a very successful kickoff.

~ SPI LTUF August meeting looking for Host and Presenters ~

We are looking for someone to host the August meeting that is tentatively scheduled for August 12th. Also if you have a topic that you'd like to see presented, have a topic that you'd like to present yourself, know of someone who'd like to present, or would like your company to host, please contact John Dressel at john.dressel@fluor.com 281-263-2764.

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