

~ Houston SPI LTUF August 13, 2013 meeting ~



The next Houston SPI LTUF meeting will be hosted by Endress+Hauser, 4333 West Sam Houston Pkwy North, Suite 190, Houston, TX 77043. The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The focus of the meeting will be on SmartPlant Instrumentation Vendor Interfaces. At this meeting we are looking forward to presentations from Endress+Hauser, Thomas.Net, Honeywell, Intergraph and others. The number and complexity of vendor interfaces into SmartPlant Instrumentation is continuing to grow as integration becomes a major part of the Engineering environment. At this meeting we will attempt to update members on what interfaces are currently available and introduce some of the new or emerging interfaces. In this forum we will also discuss SmartPlant Instrumentation Integration with other SmartPlant tools and additional products and services from Intergraph that were unveiled at Hexagon 2013. The formal invitation will go out to members of the Houston SPI LTUF this week so start making plans to attend. For additional information visit the Houston SPI LTUF website <http://www.spi-ltuf.org/>.

~ Intergraph PP&M Global TUF meeting June 2, 2013 ~



The Intergraph Process, Power & Marine, Technical User Forum (TUF) Meetings in Las Vegas held on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at the MGM Grand Resort; Las Vegas, Nevada was a big success. The meetings opened to a packed room with well over 200 SmartPlant users in attendance. The SmartPlant Electrical, Instrumentation and Process Design TUFs met in a combined session before breaking into subject-area meetings in the afternoon. Highlights of the morning session were the introduction of SmartPlant Cloud, a new service offered by Intergraph for deploying the SmartPlant Enterprise in a web based environment. We also were given presentations on Intergraph's new Customer Relations and Support mechanism and other innovations such as SmartPlant P&ID Engineering Integrity that now offers the ability to build rules for other tools such as SmartPlant Instrumentation. Intergraph will also presented short and medium-term software development plans to the user communities. User presentations included Technical User Forums CR Ranking website overview by Dennis Cooley, Nexen Inc. and a presentation on SmartPlant Electrical integration with SmartPlant P&ID for the SPEL Load List by Lynn Wu of SNC-Lavalin.

Users who attended the afternoon SmartPlant Instrumentation TUF breakout session were rewarded with a SmartPlant Instrumentation update by product owner Guy Masin of Intergraph. The update included SmartPlant Instrumentation release plans and schedules with in introduction to SPI 2013 release features and planned features for the SPI 2014 release as well as some hints on SmartPlant Instrumentation future enhancements. Presentations on the Engineering Automation User Experience were given by Henk Hinssen of iHandl Engineering and John Dressel of Fluor. Forum discussions included using and upgrading to SmartPlant Instrumentation Version 2013, Owner operator issues when using SmartPlant Instrumentation in an operating environment and SmartPlant Foundation Integration. <http://www.spi-ltuf.org/GTUF13/>

~ HxGN LIVE - HEXAGON GLOBAL NETWORK ~



The June 3-6 Hexagon Global Network (HxGN) was also a huge success. The event ran from June 3 to 6 in Las Vegas. With more than 3500 attendees from over 70 countries, HxGN LIVE was the largest, most innovative

Intergraph conference I have ever attended. Some of the Tutorials and presentations centering around SmartPlant Instrumentation were: "SmartPlant Instrumentation: Advanced Wiring and Networking", "SmartPlant Instrumentation: Tips and Tricks", "Integration of SmartPlant P&ID with SmartPlant Instrumentation", "Data Migration from SmartPlant P&ID to SmartPlant Instrumentation at AMEC" and "Integration Improvements between SmartPlant P&ID and SmartPlant Instrumentation". Nezar Faturi of Mangan gave an excellent live demonstration of the SmartPlant Instrumentation Rule Manager. If you wish to see more, visit the HxGN Live website at: <http://conference.hexagon.com/>

~ 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. One of the most significant changes is the ability to enter "Wish List" items into the ranking system.

~ Announcing SmartPlant Instrumentation Test Drive! ~

SmartPlant Instrumentation Test Drive is now available for members of the forum and others in the industry who are not SPI users. SPI Test Drive allows you to access SPI and test yourself SPI and familiarize yourself with the tool functionalities. The Test Drive is also supported by a tutorial, script which will drive you thru the main instrumentation tasks and SPI capabilities. Please share the link with your colleagues at work or others to advance yours and others SPI use for the benefits of your projects. Similarly there is Test Drive also for SmartPlant P&ID, as well for SmartPlant Isometrics. <http://www.intergraph.com/ppm/testdrive.aspx>



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