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ISA Ireland Section

Report on the ISA Ireland Annual General Meeting

The ISA Ireland Section AGM was held in the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork on Thursday June 12th 2008.

Attendees: Jim Long, Billy Walsh, Brian Curtis, Dave O'Brien, Bob Shine, Brian Nolan, Seamus Cotter, John Downey, Barry Nugent, Tadgh Moriarty, Declan Lordan, Mick Meade.

The following AGM agenda was followed;

1. Minutes of 2007 AGM
2. Matters Arising
3. Out Going Presidents Address
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Sub-Committee Reports
7. Constitutional Matters and Amendments
8. Election of Officers & Committee for 2008/2009
9. Any Other Business
10. Incoming Presidents Adddress
11. Close Meeting

Mr. Mick Meade (right) incoming President of ISA Ireland Section is congratulated by Past President 2007/2008, Mr. Jim Long (left) at the recent ISA Ireland Section Annual General Meeting.

Please see page 4 for full report.

PHARMATEX Conference and Learning Program

PHARMATEX is a multi-disciplined conference and exhibition for the pharmaceutical and bio-pharmaceutical industries.

This annual event provides an insight into the future of technology, innovation and corporate strategy within the pharmaceutical and bio-pharmaceutical sector.

It solicits the views and experiences of international and local business leaders and advisors to create a roadmap for the industry over a rolling ten-year period.

The conference investigates the challenges and opportunities the sector faces, and benchmarks Ireland's performance as a centre of excellence within the global pharmaceutical economy.

The three day Conference and Learning Programme is divided into seven tracks ranging from Heads of Industry Day to Engineering, Wireless & Automation, Training and Re-Skilling Workshop, Justifying your Automation Investment and and Cleanrooms.

VENUE: Radisson SAS Hotel, Ditchley House, Little Island, Cork, Ireland DATES: 16th - 18th September 2008

See the ISA Ireland Section website for more details.

Presidents Letter To Membership

Dear Member

It is a great honour and privilege for me to be elected to serve you, the members of the ISA Ireland Section, as your President in this 30th year since receiving our charter.

This is indeed a signal honour for me and I believe that the longevity of the Section shows the considerable growth and continuity as driven by the members and by the past being a model which other ISA sections sought to emulate and further to being highly regarded within the automation industry in Ireland. Indeed Section committee members have consistently (against quite strong competition) been elected to serve at European District and Corporate Board level and we currently have four such members serving.

Without doubt our world and our country are now entering a more difficult and are therefore required to implement the strategies which will enable this and to maintain the profile of the Ireland Section at a very high level both nationally and internationally.

ISA is currently in the planning process to change its legal name to the International Society of Automation and this is expected to be passed at Houston in October 2008.

committees who served.

The new Section Committee has been formed and we have already commenced our meetings schedule in light of the amount of work which it is intended to action throughout the year.

The committee formed has an excellent balance of old hands and new members both from a wider operating field and with specific professional competitive business environment. ISA, and specifically the Ireland Section, will have to operate within such and will have a difficult task to continue its successful endeavours of past years.

To achieve such a goal I believe that our operating

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experience to fit the profile of an ISA leader. More importantly however we have new companies represented to enable a better consensus of opinion as to how the committee should operate so as to offer a more efficient service to the members.

The Ireland Section has been very successful in the past in holding and growing its membership. This has led to ours function requires changing to a more business driven model with predetermined goals, continual assessment of progress and ongoing focusing on the requirements of the membership.

Strong focused leaders

ISA *Setting the Standard for Automation*™

To implement this I have set the following goals for this coming year in line with the founding ethos of ISA as one of education and through that to advance the technology, the competence and the careers of practitioners in the field of automation for the benefit of industry and humanity.

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Section especially by geographical expansion within Ireland and by the numbers and types of industries and organisations represented.

2. To considerably reduce the Section operating costs to cover an expected income reduction and have the Section financial affairs operate on a more business orientated basis to achieve greater efficiency.

3. To grow the student membership through continuing interface with identified colleges, presentation of Technical Talks and cultivation of the Student Liaison concept. In addition to this there will be a need to continue our support of and interaction with the student sections in Cork IT and FÁS Cork.

4. To develop our Website as the main platform of information interchange with the membership.

5. To develop a concept for a validated training program for our members and position this for implementation.

Please reference our Website (www.iol.ie/~isaire) for the Section EVENTS PROGRAMME for 2008-09. In addition to

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the usual publications of INCON, Technical Talks and Plant Tours are two forthcoming events worthy of specific mention and which are currently at an advanced planning stage.

- Golf Outing scheduled for 29th August 2008.

- 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner scheduled for 8th November 2008.

You will note my goal stated above whereby it is intended to grow the

Website as our primary information interchange tool.

I believe that this is entirely in keeping with current world trends and more specifically with the functioning of a society focused on automation. To achieve this goal it is essential that we have a full and accurate email link with all our members so that we can ensure that you receive all the communications issued by ISA both from Corporate

(US) and Section (Ireland). These communications will usually reference links to either the Corporate or Section websites. Currently we have approximately 25% of our section membership without a recorded email address on our database.

This has come about by specific member request not to be communicated per the medium of email or where we no longer have a current email address whereby the

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communication is not getting through. This is having a very limiting factor on the ability of ISA to transfer information effectively to our members.

I would therefore encourage you to discuss this matter with your member colleagues and ensure that ISA has a current update of their contact details. I would further request that you visit both the Corporate (www.isa.org) and Section (www.iol.ie/~isaire) websites and review the immense

amount of information thereon available to you as a member.

I would like state that I want my presidency to be an interactive one with the membership. To this end I would encourage you to communicate with me on any issues relating to your membership or indeed to the functioning of ISA as a whole. I can be contacted either at the formal Section contacts or at my workplace contacts indicated on this

letter.

May I end by wishing you success in your chosen professional endeavours and a fulfilling continuing membership of ISA.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Meade

President - ISA Ireland Section

Venue:
Harbour Point Golf Club.
Little Island, Co. Cork.

Date: Fri 29 August 2008

Tee Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Format: Three Ball Classic

Numbers: 15 teams of 3 players per team.

Team Submissions:
A registration form will be sent out to all ISA members by email.

Tee time will only be reserved when the completed registration form and a cheque / Purchase Order of €200 for the team are received (costs include green fees and 3 course dinner).

See Website ISA website for additional details.

Contact:
Eamon Bradfield

(021) 4703386 or bradfieldea@lilly.com

All submissions should be made to -

ISA Ireland Section,
PO Box 203.
Togher Mall Centre,
Cork.

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1. Minutes of 2007 AGM

The minutes of the 2007 AGM were read by M. Meade.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from these minutes. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by B. Walsh and seconded by B. Nolan.

The minutes were then accepted as read.

3. Outgoing President's

Address See page 8 for full details of report.

4. Secretary's Report

The Committee Year 2007/08 is coming to a close. It has been a very busy and productive year for all committee members and the following details the work undertaken in that regard.

Planning & Briefing Meeting

July 2007 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork.

Committee Meeting

August 2007 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork., September 2007 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork., October 2007 in Institute of Technology Carlow, November 2007 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork., January 2008 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork., February 2008 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork (was originally scheduled for Dublin), March 2008 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork (was

originally scheduled for Dublin), April 2008 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork, May 2008 in Rochestown Park Hotel Cork (was originally scheduled for Athlone).

It was the intent of the meetings schedule to have some of the committee meetings in Dublin (2 no) and Athlone (1 no) as an adjunct to the scheduled Technical Talk for those locations. Unfortunately the scheduling of the Technical

Talks did not allow for sufficient time to conduct an adequate Committee Meeting prior without making it a very long day for those concerned assuming that they could make themselves available for an extended time given that a travel component was also required. Therefore practicality determined that those meetings reverted to Cork

It is suggested that the incoming committee look at

the matter of Committee Meeting scheduling closely and the following recommendations are put forward for consideration as the practice of the current year had limited success in this respect.

All meetings to be conducted in Cork with those external to the area to attend if practical, but certainly to be encouraged to submit a written report and to phone in to the meeting.

All meetings to be conducted on Thursday 20:00 to 21:30 to a pre-circulated agenda and commencing and concluding sharply at the times agreed.

Special Meeting

January 2008 in DPS Engineering Cork to review the current direction of the Ireland Section. May 2008 in DPS Engineering Cork to review the results of the Exhibition in April previous.

Investigation into Limited Company Status.

This investigation took the form of meetings with our legal advisor (2 no) and accountants (1 no) with the submission of appropriate recommendations to the Section Committee.

The submission to the Section Committee indicated that there appeared to be little material advantage to the Section at this point in time if this venture were to be pursued and that there

were many disadvantages especially in the way the committee operated which was not conducive to the running of a Limited Company.

The Section Committee then agreed that the matter be parked for the present.

Should a future committee take up this matter for further consideration then it is recommended that this be actioned by a sub-committee of persons not connected with the Section.

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Committee and who will bring an impartial formal proposal to the Section Committee for review and approval or otherwise.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge with thanks the assistance and encouragement which I have received throughout the year from my fellow committee members and of course the continuing support of my employers DPS Engineering.

Michael Meade

Committee Secretary

5. Treasurer's Report.

The report adoption was proposed by D. Lordan and seconded by B. Curtis. The report was then approved by M. Meade (Secretary) and by J. Long (President).

6. Sub Committee Reports:

Membership

Report submitted by E. O'Riain and presented by D. Lordan.

During the year Declan Lordan had to relinquish his responsibility as Membership Chairman and I assumed responsibility for this pro-tem.

The current state of membership is healthy with 382 members on our books at the beginning of May. These include some "grace members" who are

member whose membership has expired within the last three months and who had not renewed.

The records maintained at RTP usually contain some discrepancies. The following are the member status classifications as on the RTP list :

Active – members that have their membership paid thru date in the future. ISA member's paid thru dates are always the last day of the month. Changes to a

member's status always occurs on the first day of the month.

Active grace - members that have exceeded their membership paid thru date by up to three months. Active Grace members receive all ISA member benefits there are 287 such members.

Suspended – those that have not renewed their ISA membership and are no longer members of ISA. A member becomes

suspended if they have not renewed before their Active Grace period expires (i.e. three months after their paid-thru date) There care 87 such members.

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New - members that joined ISA during the current month. This is not an official ISA member status, but is used to easily identify new members in some of the

reports. There are 2 such members.

Total Records: 376 on the RTP records. (Not included in the RTP list are 8 students whose details need to be clarified.)

I would pay tribute to Declan whose sterling work at membership in the section has borne such spectacular results.

Finally a brief note on email

addresses. It important in this day and age that email addresses be included on membership forms as some information, in fact a growing number of information, is sent by email rather than by ordinary post. There are means of selecting what emails you wish to receive as a member if you feel that you do not wish to receive everything.

Eoin Ó Riain

Education

Report submitted by B. Walsh

The ISA contact person in IT Sligo is Jim Shannon

The ISA contact person in FAS Cork is Pat McCarthy

The ISA contact person in FAS Sligo is Robert Lyttle

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Exhibition
Report submitted by T.McCarthy and presented by D.Lordan.

The ISA Ireland Section Exhibition 2008 was run at the Rochestown Park Hotel on Tuesday April 22nd 2008.

Paying Exhibitors: 31 No.

in the Quad at UCC.

Proceedings were officiated by The Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Sean Martin and by ISA Ireland Section President, Mr. Jim Long.

The following awards were presented:
Craftsman Award:
Mr. Barry Bolger

Kevin Dignam,
ISA Ireland Section H&A Chair 2007

Kinsale
Eli Lilly IE30 Manufacturing Building

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Newsletter
Report presented by B.Curtis.

The ISA Ireland Section newsletter INCON, is an important means of communicating with section

Registered Visitors 126

Budgeted Income: €21,000.00

Budgeted Expenditure: €6,124.20

Budgeted Net income: €14,875.80

A sub-committee meeting was convened on May 1st 2008 to review the disappointing results from the exhibition. (Minutes attached). The incoming committee will review

Technical Program

Report presented by B.Walsh.

25 Sept 07 Cork
Brian Reardon Festo Ltd.
Intelligent Valve Terminals

27 Nov 07 Cork
Karl Lawler
Bio Kinetics Ltd.
VALIDATION – The move to a Risk Based Approach

19 Feb 08 Cork
Hassan Kaghazchi
PROFIBUS & UL
PROFIBUS – Using &

members, keeping every one informed of section events and local news.

Reporting on technical meetings, seminars, plant tours, as well as advising on current ISA developments within Europe, and worldwide. The INCON publishing schedule for the year 2007 -2008 was as follows.

Five editions of INCON were published,

these minutes and take onboard the proposals as submitted.

Terry McCarthy
Exhibition Chair 2008

Honours & Awards

Report submitted by K.Dignam and presented by B.Nolan.

The 2007 ISA Ireland Section Honours and Awards were held in the auspicious surroundings of the Staff Common Room

Diagnosing Networks

27 May 08 Athlone
Karl Lawler
Bio Kinetics Ltd.
Project Management - Best Practice to Achieve Project Success

13 Nov 07 Ringaskiddy - Cork National Maritime College

22 Feb 08 St. James Gate - Dublin Diageo (Guinness) Brewery

9 Apr 08 Dunderrow -

Issue 68 - September 2007, 12 pages.

Issue 69 - November 2007 , 12 pages.

Issue 70 - January 2008, 16 pages

Issue 71 - March 2008, 08 pages

Issue 72 - May 2008, 08 pages.

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Sponsorship continues to enable newsletters to be published with minimal cost to the Ireland section.

Douglas Measurement & Control and ABB remain our major sponsors. The section thanks all sponsors for their support during the year.

I would also like to inform members that it is there newsletter and as members should consider submitting any photographs, articles or other information that they feel may benefit ISA members and forward these to the editor as we will publish these in INCON.

I would like to thank in particular David O'Brien for his assistance in getting INCON to the publishers in the last year and to wish him well for next year in his new role as Newsletter Editor.

Finally, I would like to thank all those that assisted me through contributed photographs, printing labels, sticking stamps on envelopes, and the collation of information in the past year.

Brian Curtis
Publications Chairman, 22 May 2008

Standards & Practices

Report presented by D.O'Brien

The Standards and Practices of the ISA Ireland Section are one contributor of more than 4,000 individuals contributing and cooperating across 140 committees, subcommittees, working groups and task forces which are all involved in ISA standards development.

Standards are developed in areas as diverse as ensuring the safety of electrical equipment used in hazardous locations to cost-savings for interfaces between industrial process control computers and subsystems.

There were 13 standards reviewed throughout the year, including standards associated with Fiedlbus, multimeters and oxygen analysers. These reviews provide a valuable opportunity to provide feedback on each standard as they become available for review.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that the standards are available to all ISA members on the ISA's Website www.isa.org

David O'Brien

Standards and Practices Chairman, 29 May 2008

7. Constitutional Matters & Amendments

There were no constitutional matters and amendments tabled at the AGM.

8. Election of Officers & Committee for 2008/2009

The following were the members elected to the 2008/2009 Ireland Section Committee.

President, Mick Meade as President Elect 2007/2008.

President Elect, No nomination submitted. Secretary, No nomination submitted.

Treasurer, S. Cotter nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Technical Program Chair, T.McCarthy nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Education Chair, B.Walsh nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Membership Chair, J.Downey nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Newletter Editor, D.O'Brien nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Webmaster, E.O'Riain nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Standards and Practices Chair, No nomination submitted.

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Honours and Awards Chair, B.Nolan nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Past President, J.Long as President 2007/2008.

Committee, E.Bradfield nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Committee, K.Dignam nominated by form submitted prior to AGM.

Committee, W.Cody nominated by form submitted prior to AGM. Committee, T.Moriarty nominated by B.Curtis and seconded by B.Nolan.

The attendees at the AGM unanimously voted in favour to accept the above nominations for the 2008/2009 committee. There were no other proposals from the floor.

7. Any Other Business

B.Curtis raised the following issues and this was seconded by D.Lordan.
That the incoming committee look at changing the web address.

That INCON move to electronic media transmission but the views on this matter are firstly elicited from the membership.

B.Walsh raised the matter of the high incidence of lack of email address for members is an issue for ISA.

D.Lordan explained that the prime reason for lack of email address was that when the database detects three transmission failures then the address is automatically delisted.

B.Shine raised the matter

that student applications require to be processed more speedily. D.Lordan stated that lack of certain information (e.g. date of birth) on the application form would delay processing of membership.

8. Incoming Presidents Address

Please see page 9 for full details.

7. Close Meeting

The incoming president M.Meade closed the meeting.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by M.Meade.

Outgoing President's Address

Committee members and President.

Firstly my thanks to all committee members for their help and assistance throughout the past year. In particular I would like to mention Billy Walsh who without fail responded to appeals for advice and assistance with generosity and wisdom. From picking me up at Cork station to traveling to Dublin, Sligo and Athlone for site visits

and Tech Talks he has been unfailing in his support.

To Mick Meade our incoming President for his meticulous attention to detail in minute taking and general organization of meetings, there is no doubt in my mind that a term as section secretary should be De Rigueur for all incoming Presidents as it provides the perfect preparation and

experience for the task as President. And again to all committee members I extend my thanks for the sacrifice of your free time to put in the work necessary to ensure the section functions and progress's as it has done.

With regards to achievements in the past year I said at the outset of my tenure that the previous committee's work and goals were a work in progress,

Outgoing President's Address

and of course this is true of every committee as there are carry overs from one year to the next.

I did not set out specific goals other than the aim of reaching out to our student members and to broaden our appeal geographically. This we have done through successfully replacing Dave Peyton's positive influence with the students at Carlow IT by recruiting Tommy Walker as another enthusiastic advocate for ISA Ireland at Carlow IT. this

is borne out by the recruitment of new members at Carlow. Dave Peyton will in time have a similar positive influence at Blanchardstown IT where he has taken up a lectureship in the Metrology Dept.

Unfortunately, my efforts to engage Dundalk IT as a similar recruiting site for students has not borne fruit, yet?

Despite establishing contacts and sending

Mr. Jim Long outgoing President of ISA Ireland Section.

letters and emails more work needs to be done to bring this college into the fold.

Our Events calendar this year comprised 3 x site visits namely, The

Maritime College at Ringaskiddy in November an event that despite my desire to, I could not attend. Again, thanks are due to Billy Walsh and Bob Shine for flying the Section flag at this event.

Not forgetting Gerry Horan our Host on the day.

The Diageo Guinness Brewery St.James Gate Dublin visit in February hosted by Rick Nally, was an outstanding success with an attendance of aprox 20, the section was represented by myself, Billy Walsh Dave Peyton and John Lotty.
We were extremely well

treated by Diageo personnel on the day in what is an historic site. Finally our last visit of the season was to Eli Lilly's IE30 building at Kinsale on April 9th. This was hosted by Louise Mark, Sean Doherty, John Sweeney and John Gardiner. The section was represented by Brian Curtis. I was unable to attend.

Outgoing President's Address

Tech talks:

We presented 6 talks during the season 07/08 which were, Intelligent Valve Terminals presented by Brian Rearden of Festo Ireland Ltd last September.

This very capably presented subject was well attended; the section was represented by myself, and committee members.

We held a joint committee meeting and Tech Talk at the first time, at short notice.

The March Talk at Sligo IT was facilitated by Jim Shannon once again E&H came up with a speaker with Tony Donnelly presenting a paper entitled 'Life cycle Management and Predictive Maintenance' .

There were 13 attendees and the Section was represented by the ever reliable Billy Walsh

I am hopeful that our application for section awards will recognize this reality later this year?

Carlow IT in October.

The Tech Talk entitled 'The 3 fundamentals of Analytical Measurement' was presented by Jacques Foure of E&H at what was again a very well attended event which yielded 14 additional new student members due to Declan Lordan's efforts.

Thanks to section members Dave Peyton and Tommy Walker who facilitated this event.

Our final event of this year was the Tech Talk given by Karl Lawler at Creggan Court Hotel in Athlone on the 27th May.

The talk was entitled 'Project Management, Best Practice to Achieve Project Success'.

Again we had an appreciative audience for a superbly presented talk. And the ever present Billy Walsh accompanied by Brian Curtis, made the long journey from Cork to this

Karl Lawler of Biokinetics presented 'Validation- a risk based approach' in November in Cork, despite some problems with a projector this talk was well attended and highly appreciated by the audience.

'Profibus' was the Title of the February talk in Cork presented by Hassan Kasogi.

Our thanks to Tony Donnelly and E&H for providing a speaker, not for final talk of our season.

Summary:

Attendances for all events this year averaged aprox. 12/15, the exception being Carlow where we had 25 students plus committee members.

Given the widespread availability of Internet information and competing events it is, I think, a huge compliment to our speakers and the section that we can still 'pull' such numbers?

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To achieve such a goal I believe that our operating function requires changing to a more business driven model with predetermined goals, continual assessment of progress and ongoing focusing on the requirements of the membership.

Strong focused leaders are required to implement the strategies which will enable this.

To drive this forward the Incoming Committee will have some very experienced old hands and some new faces that are eager to serve.

Therefore I am looking forward to the challenges of my Presidency confident in the knowledge and privilege that I have a

very strong and committed team to provide all the back-up and assistance that our Section will require.

I have requested that Eoin O'Riain, Billy Walsh and Kevin Dignam, all former Past Presidents, remain on the committee by virtue of their respective US Corporate and European District portfolios.

My intent in this regard is

for them to act in a presidency advisory capacity and especially in the direction of thought emanating from corporate and district level so that the Section is well placed to change as required.

I am happy to report that all have agreed to serve and it should be recognised by this meeting that their efforts in their various portfolios has helped to maintain the profile of the Ireland

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ISA Technical Talks

ISA Ireland hosts several technical talks and presentations focused on industry related topics. Technical talks are open to all ISA members.

The next addition of INCON will report on the most recent technical talk held in Athlone. Also, read future additions of INCON to get details of the next upcoming technical talk or visit the ISA Ireland website.

Next Addition of INCON

- Athlone Technical Talk

- Report on Pharmatex onference and exhibition in Cork

Call for INCON input by membership

ISA Ireland welcome all members to contribute articles or reports which may be of interest or benefit to other ISA members. Please contact the Newsletter Editor if interested in submitting articles for the INCON Newsletter.

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- Attendance at the President's Fall Meeting in Houston October 2008.

- Annual Honours & Awards ceremony at UCC December 2008.

- Attendance at the DLC12 Meeting in Leiden May 2009.

- 4 no. Technical Talks.

- 2 no. Plant Tours.

- 6 no. editions of INCON.

To the incoming committee,

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I would like to say that I feel we have a very strong team put together and I hope all of you will enjoy the year ahead and benefit from your participation in the ISA.

However I must warn you that there are challenging times ahead for our Section and there will be considerable work to be done to complete the goals which I have set out.

I must also take this opportunity to thank my employers, DPS Engineering, for their encouragement and

I am presently developing a Calendar of Events for the coming year to continue our interface with the Section membership and ISA and this is expected to be along the following lines.
- Golf Outing scheduled for 29th August 2008.

- Association with Pharmatex September 2008.

- 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner scheduled for 8th November 2008.

ongoing support for my service on the committee and especially in my year as president.

Last but not least, I would like to thank you all for attending tonight's AGM.

I hope you enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all when we begin our 2008/09 calendar of events. To this end I will be scheduling the commencing Planning & Briefing Meeting for a somewhat early start on 10th July.

Michael Meade
President ISA Ireland Section
2008 – 2009

ISA–The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society

ISA Committee for 2008 / 2009

Front Row L to R: Brian Nolan, Seamus Cotter, Jim Long, Mick Meade (President), Tadgh Moriarty

Back Row L to R: Dave O'Brien, John Downey, Billy Walsh, Willie Cody

President - Mr. Mick Meade

President Elect - Vacant

Secretary - Mr. Tadgh Moriarty

Treasurer - Mr. Seamus Cotter

Technical Program Chair - Mr. Terry Mc Carthy

Membership Chair - Mr. John Downey

Newsletter Editor - Mr. Dave O'Brien

Web Master - Mr. Eoin O'Riain

Standards and Practices Chair - Vacant

Honours and Awards Chair - Mr. Brian Nolan

Past President - Mr. Jim Long James

Committee - Mr. Eamon Bradfield

Committee - Mr. Kevin Dignam

Committee - Mr. Willie Cody

Committee - Mr. Gary Hartnett

FEEDBACK

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