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ISA Ireland Section Charter Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner was held on Saturday 8th November 2008 at the Maryborough Hotel Cork.

The Ireland Section, which is voluntary with a membership of over 360, received its charter in 1978 and has since grown to become a nationally recognised organisation. The intent of the dinner was to recognise and honour thirty years of growth, development and consolidation by the ISA Ireland Section and especially the members who enabled such in the intervening period.

The respective histories of the United States and Ireland are inextricably linked and receipt of our charter from ISA has inevitably led to increased interface between both countries. Increased globalisation has seen ISA expand from the United States into a truly worldwide organisation and the Ireland Section takes a very proactive and direct part in the functioning of ISA at European District level. This in turn has seen Ireland Section members consistently elected (against quite strong competition) to serve at both Corporate Board and European District level.

Several important national and international figures were invited including Government and civic leaders in Ireland and Automation professionals



Mr. Alexander Bobovitch District 12 President (left) presented with award by Mr. Mick Meade Ireland Section President (right) at the 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner.

from both sides of the Atlantic.

The Membership has been a strong supporter of ISA Ireland Section activities throughout the past thirty years and this was evidenced on the night by an attendance of 115 including members and guests.

Among those in attendance were representatives from the following companies and organisations;

- ISA Ireland
- Cork Institute of Technology
- Douglas Control and Automation
- DPS Engineering and Construction Ltd
- Eli Lilly
- Enterprise Ireland
- Insteco Ltd
- Jacobs Engineering
- Douglas Calibration Ltd
- O'Sheas Electrical
- Proskon Ltd
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Past Presidents of ISA Ireland Section in attendance at 30th Anniversary Dinner

On 8 November 2008, at the Maryborough Hotel Cork in Ireland, it was a historic moment when 19 of ISA Ireland Section Presidents posed for a picture in celebration of the Section's 30th anniversary.

The intent of the evening was to recognize the growth the Section has experienced since it was officially chartered in 1978 by then ISA President Hugh Wilson.

The event was also in honour of all Members who have contributed to the impressive development of the Section and to those who continue the legacy.



This historic photo of ISA Ireland Presidents was taken at the 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner

Seated Left to Right: Éamonn Creech (2000), Billy Walsh (1997), Brian Nolan (2006), Mick Meade (2008), Stephen Adderson, US Embassy, Tim Feldman, ISA Headquarters, Peadar Walsh (2003).

Back Row: Left to Right: John Lotty (1992, 1993), Declan Lordan (1998), Brian Curtis (1999), Brendan Barry (1987), Bob Shine (1994), Liam McDonnell (1979, 1988), Jim Long (2007), Harvey Makim (1985), John Power (1981), Frank Maher(1986), Eoin Ó Riain (1984), Alan Edwards (2002), Kevin Dignam (2005), Martin Almond (2004).

Guests and Closing Speech from the 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner

The external Guests of Honour were Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Jim Corr; Minister of Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin TD; Commercial Counselor US Embassy Dr. Stephen J. Anderson; ISA District 12 Vice President Alex Bobovitch from Russia, and ISA Director of Global Operations, Tim Feldman, attended on behalf of 2008 ISA Society President Kim Miller Dunn.

During the evening, several speeches were held,

commending the efforts put into making the Ireland Section one of the most active ISA Sections with over 360 members.

Unable to be present on the night were: Maurice Radford, Malachy Hanley, Éamon Cashell, Aidan Howard and Tony Mahon.

Deceased past Presidents are: Fred Gilroy (1977, 1990), Ger Dullea (1991) and John Farrell (1995) R.I.P.

The following closing

address was delivered by ISA Ireland Section President – Mr. Mick Meade.

“Right Honourable Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Jim Corr; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Micheál Martin T.D.; Commercial Counselor US Embassy Dublin, Dr. Stephen J. Anderson; ISA Director Global Operations, Mr. Tim Feldman; ISA District 12 Vice President, Mr. Alexander Bobovitch; Honoured Past Presidents;

MEMBERSHIP

In order that the ISA Ireland section records are accurate and up-to-date, it is important to let me know if your information has changed. This will enable us to make sure that all correspondence from the Ireland section and the USA will reach you at the proper destination in time.

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Regular Membership €77.00

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(2 years) €143.00 (save

€11.00)

Regular/ senior Member

(3 years) €204.00 (save

€27.00)

(€ / \$ exchange reviewed on

three monthly basis)

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Ladies & Gentlemen.
I would like to welcome you here tonight to our 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner, the intent of which is to recognise and honour thirty years of growth, development and consolidation by the ISA Ireland Section and especially the members who enabled such in the intervening period.

However it should also be an occasion for you to entertain clients, meet with old friends, catch up on news and perhaps relive past experiences.

The planning for this function commenced at a

Special Committee Meeting (called to discuss other crisis matters) on 10/Jan last. The subsequent ten months came to occupy a considerable time input on the part of those involved through 300 emails, 120 letters, many meetings and numerous phone calls. Therefore I would like to give special thanks to my family for their understanding and support for my many absences: to my wife Madeleine who made so many telephone calls; to my daughter Cael

evolvment of the Universe or a large segment of a personal lifetime.

Therefore special thanks and gratitude must be given to the Past Presidents, ISA stalwarts, committees and loyal members for their drive and perseverance during the journey over the past thirty years for us to arrive here tonight.

I now ask that you show your appreciation for our honoured Past Presidents,



Minister of Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin TDs

and her husband Paul who selected the menu; to my grandsons Jack & Josh who selected this hotel out of sympathy to the shot and stuffed bird located in the foyer.

I also offer special thanks to my employers DPS Engineering for supporting my Presidency; continuing support for ISA; and accommodating my input into the organisation for this function.

I do offer thanks to my Dinner Sub-Committee of Billy Walsh and Terry

McCarthy but also ask their understanding for the impossible demands I sometimes made of them over the past months.

The hotel and their staff have given excellent service over the past ten months and this has continued here tonight. I therefore ask that you show your appreciation with an enthusiastic round of applause for this service.

Thirty years can be considered, depending on ones perspective, a miniscule dimension in

and representing their committees and members, with a deserving round of applause for their efforts over the years. This year two of our Past Presidents, John Farrell and Fred Gilroy, went to their eternal reward.

At this point I ask you to pause for a moments silence in their memory and also to remember Ger Dullea and deceased members.

The 1978 I recall was a

country climbing out of a mid decade recession with Cork seemingly booming apparently due, it was said at the time, to our then Taoiseach and favoured Cork son, Jack Lynch but he certainly delivered for his city, his county and his country. In the midst of this growth the Ireland Section was born.

The early meetings of the nascent Section in 1977 lead to the set-up of a Steering Committee and the decision to seek a charter from Instrument

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Free Standards

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Closing Speech from the 30th Anniversary of Charter Dinner

Society of America. On attaining the minimum 35 no. membership Red Letter day arrived on 29th June 1978 when the Section is chartered.

Today thirty years of growth, development and consolidation and led to increased interface between USA and Ireland and seen ISA expanding into worldwide organisation in which, the now very vibrant Ireland

now very vibrant Ireland Section, serves with distinction at Corporate Board and European District level.

ISA is an evolving business as it must to survive while the world background changes and the membership requirements dictate. Aristotle is reputed to have said (c.320BC) "All who have meditated on the art of governing

the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth". Current thinking is that Education & Training is a Cradle to Grave concept and, I am happy to report, one which ISA embraces.

Therefore I would hope that ISA, throughout its evolution, remains true to its founding ethos of Education & Training on



Left to Right: ISA District 12 (Europe & Middle East) Vice President Mr. Alexander Bobovitch, Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Jim Corr, Commercial Counselor US Embassy Dublin Dr. Stephen J. Anderson, ISA Director Global Operations Mr. Tim Feldman, Mr. Michael Meade ISA Ireland President, Mr Billy Walsh ISA Ireland.

which I truly believe rests the future of mankind.

Our world and our country are now entering a more difficult and competitive business environment.

However Ireland's past history has shown that some of our greatest triumphs were at times of great adversity. So now is not the time to retreat into the castle and pull up the drawbridge but to start pushing out the boat. Bob the Builder asked "We can

do it?" I believe we can so our duty remains to bequeath a successful world, country and ISA to the upcoming generations.

I would like to conclude by leaving you with a thought – You don't stop laughing because you grow old.

You grow old because you stop laughing!

Thank you all for attending and supporting this auspicious function and enjoy the remainder of your night."

ISA Ireland Section President Mr. Mick Meade
08 November 2008



Setting the Standard for Automation™

ISA Technical Talks

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

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

- Honours and Awards Presentations

INCON contributions 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.

Special Meeting of ISA Ireland Section

A special of ISA Ireland section meeting took place on Thursday 5th Feb at 8.00 pm at the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork.

The Section Committee agreed to convene the Special Section Meeting to put forward amendments to the Ireland Section constitution.

The Special Meeting took on the same status as an Annual General Meeting and followed the relevant procedures and ISA Bylaws Article VI - Meetings and article VII - Voting

Procedures.

The purpose of the meeting was to vote on two proposals to amend the ISA Ireland Section constitution.

The first of the amendments related to changing the fiscal year to the 30th of June and to extend the term of office of the committee to the 30th of June. This change would allow for the standing treasurer within a given Committee year to complete budgetary and reporting requirements within the same period as the Committee year.

The second of the amendments related to clarifying the Sections appointment of a Section Delegate to the District 12 Council and Council of Society Delegates Meeting. This change would allow the Section President appoint a delegate in his or her stead to represent the Section at the District 12 Council and Council of Society Delegates Meeting.

The necessary quorum was present on the night and both amendments were adopted unanimously.



Reduced Carbon Design and Auto Power Generation

Presenters Ken Bruton and Dave Fleming of RPS will speak on Reduced Carbon Design Energy Design and Auto Wind Power Generation.

ISA Ireland Section invites all members and anyone with an interest in the

subject to attend this free min-seminar.

Topics include how to integrate energy efficiency into your designs and how to reduce your carbon footprint by the use of Auto Power Generation.

The seminar takes place in the Rochestown Park Hotel (Cork) on Thursday February 15th 2009 between 15:50 hrs and 19:00 hrs.

Refreshments will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Networking Opportunities

ISAJobs.org

Free online listing of your resume when you're looking for your next career move.

Local Section Membership

Network with automation professionals in your local area for meetings, training events, and more.

Professional Development

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Develop your leadership skills by participating in ISA's free online Leadership Development Certificate Program.

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Take advantage of significant Member discounts on ISA products, training and event registration.

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Take pride in supporting the Society that recognizes your profession through professional certification programs. ISA offers the Certified Automation Professional (CAP), Certified Control Systems Technician® (CCST), and the Certified Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (CIMM) programs and supports the development of the Control Systems Engineer (CSE) licensure program.

Mentoring Program

Connect online with, and learn from, experienced professionals and practitioners, and much, much more.

New ISA President - Mr. Gerald Cockrell

ISA Insights
February 2009

ISA Holds Strategic Planning Meetings, Welcomes New President Dr. Gerald Cockrell 2009 International Society of Automation President Gerald Cockrell of Indiana State University, along with David Adler, VP of ISA's Strategic Planning Department, led a series of strategic planning meetings at the end of January at ISA

headquarters in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, USA.

The meetings, regularly held throughout the year, are a chance for ISA leaders to meet and confirm objectives, plans, and priorities for the coming year. These planning meetings are some of President Cockrell's first duties as 2009 ISA President.

"As Society President, I am

striving to continue the momentum started by previous presidents, staff, and leadership to move ISA and the automation profession into the future," said President Cockrell. "The Society has made progress in developing automation as a profession throughout the world with the many activities over the past few years including the name change, certification programs, advocacy efforts, and workforce development efforts. Our strategic

planning meetings have helped to set our 2009 priorities in these and other critical areas."

President Cockrell is a Professor of Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology at Indiana State University, in Terre Haute, Indiana. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in process control automation and project management with special interests in applications for high-tech industries, and has been on the faculty for over 30

years.

"My students are encouraged by stories of colleagues who actually enjoy working in automation. I continually talk about the amazing challenges and personal rewards that a life in automation can bring," he says. "I am always intrigued to talk with our Members and leaders, who really enjoy their work in the automation field. A sense of challenge, excitement, and accomplishment

accompany our discussions about the future of the profession, and that's something I try to pass on to my students."

Dr. Cockrell is an active participant in the PhD Technology Management program at Indiana State. He has presented numerous papers on Internet-based distance laboratory methods. He also develops and presents industrial training programs in the fields of automation systems technology and project management to

students around the world.

Indiana State University, a doctoral research university, combines a tradition of strong undergraduate and graduate education with a focus on community and public service. It integrates teaching, research, and creative activity in an engaging, challenging, and supportive learning environment to prepare productive citizens for Indiana and the world.

President Cockrell has over 30 years of

experience in automation. In addition to being a professor, he's also held positions as an Electrical Engineer and a Director, and has served in the United States Air Force.

Throughout his 21 years of ISA membership, President Cockrell has served the Society as Professional Development Department Vice President, International Student Competition Chair and Member, District 6 Student Competition Founder and Chair, District 6 Vice President, President

-elect Secretary, Workforce Development Committee Chair, and other leadership roles at the Section level. President Cockrell holds a B.S. and M.S. from Indiana State University, and a Doctorate from Indiana University, Bloomington.

During his year as ISA President, Dr. Cockrell is planning on keeping in touch with ISA Members via the ISA President's blog at www.isa.org/connections.

ISA Committee for 2008 / 2009



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