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Announcements made in last few months Alliances, Representation and Slogans!

number of new agencies, and company changes and celebrations announced recently effecting both Irish and international automation companies.

Temperature sensors

PJ Bonner have announced that they have partnered with Finnish based SKS Sensors. The SKS Sensors® temperature sensors are manufactured with uncompromising expertise for the use of the process and machine building industries. SKS is a temperature sensor manufacturing pioneer with its 20 years' experience. SKS introduced the first laser welding systems for sensor manufacturing in Finland and launched the first ATEX-approved temperature sensors in 2002. SKS's long-term experience of the branch ensures the even quality and good service for our customers.

Their own manufacturing guarantees the short delivery times also for the application-specific special sensors, e.g. the range of the ATEX and IECEx certified sensors for potentially explosive areas. All demanding precision welding is performed with the laser welding equipment in the SKS production facilities in Hyvinkää, Finland.

PJ Bonner have sold, installed and calibrated temperature sensors for



quality custom option to Ireland. www.pjbonner.com

Strategic Alliance



Intelligent Building Controls have announced a new strategic partnership agreement with Johnson Controls, as exclusive distributors in Ireland and will stock Johnson Controls product range.

This partnership with Johnson Controls will help to leverage their global diversified technology and industrial leading services to customers in more than 150 countries. Johnson Controls will bring their expertise through their business unit, building efficiency, as a leading provider of equipment, controls and services for heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, refrigeration and security systems.

intelcontrols.ie



Process Instruments

Fluke Corp. is integrating its Raytek, Ircon, and Datapaq product lines into a new brand: Fluke Process Instruments.

All three companies have been part of the Fluke Corporation portfolio for some time.

Raytek, Ircon, and Datapaq branded products include a complete line of rugged and dependable infrared sensors, line scanners, thermal imagers, and temperature profiling systems for use in harsh, high-temperature industrial manufacturing environments.

The company has launched a new website and will operate all related global activities under the new corporate name.

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Strategies for equipment inspection & maintenance

Will Russell, Senior Technician at Ashtead Technology, examines some of the key features of an effective inspection and maintenance strategy,

here can be nothing more frustrating than a vital piece of equipment failing to perform when it is needed most. Not only can this result in infuriating delays and unforeseen expenses, but it can also affect production performance, let down customers and damage a company's reputation. Maintenance is a vitally important component of risk reduction and is most effective when predictive maintenance is employed in conjunction with an effective test and monitoring regime. However, in order for this monitoring to be as effective as possible, it is necessary to utilise high quality test equipment that is itself well-maintained and calibrated. These instruments should be able to perform the latest tests, employing the latest technologies and running the latest software.

Choosing a maintenance strategy Regular inspection and maintenance does not necessarily guarantee successful avoidance of downtime. It is important that the correct inspection strategy is adopted and that the quality of the inspection work is sufficient to enable proactive maintenance. Monitoring regimes that are either reactive or preventative are more likely to fail. Where it is assumed that equipment will reach a 'wear out' date, preventative maintenance may seek to postpone this, often as part of a conservative maintenance schedule. This time-based approach can be expensive in comparison with a functional and condition-based strategy. Reactive maintenance is very much a 'fail and fix it' approach, that is inherently expensive, due to high repair costs and the resulting costs of downtime.

practice when maintaining equipment requires a predictive and proactive strategy, which not only monitors actual equipment condition, but investigates any drop performance and corrects this at source. This may mean that organisational procedures may need to be changed. For example, if a specific component is found to perform poorly, re-design or the identification of an alternative source may be necessary. Swiftly and expertly

responding to equipment condition ensures flawless operation, prolongs equipment functionality and improves economic performance.

Instrument strategy

An efficacious and dynamic maintenance strategy is clearly a major contributor to the reduction of risk and therefore to a company's success, but there are a number of questions to be considered:

- 1. Is the inspection regime designed to identify flaws before they are able to affect performance?
- 2. Is an appropriate level of technical expertise available to set up and run the latest inspection instrumentation?
- 3. Is the inspection equipment well maintained, calibrated and ready for deployment?
- 4. How often is the inspection equipment required?

If the test and inspection equipment is not in frequent use, it often makes sense to rent specific instruments as and when they are required. Rented instruments are also employed when specific technology is required or when an urgent replacement to an in-house instrument is necessary. However, there are numerous other advantages to be gained from instrument hire.

The benefits of renting specialist equipment

The financial advantages of renting are well known; equipment purchase can involve a significant capital cost, particularly for the most advanced inspection instruments, so renting provides an opportunity to only incur operational costs when the technology is required. However, a major advantage of renting is that it provides continual access to the latest equipment. In contrast



instrument purchase locks the technology at that moment in time and precludes access to subsequent developments. Ashtead Technology therefore works closely with leading manufacturers to ensure that its fleet of rental instruments offers the latest, most advanced technology. Often this new equipment is easier to use, faster, with improved reporting and a higher probability of flaw detection. Similarly, the breadth of Ashtead's rental fleet means that customers can select the instrument that is best for their specific job. Rented instruments are delivered at exactly the time and location at which they are required, tested, calibrated and ready for work, so there are no issues with instrument maintenance and storage.

Clearly there are myriad advantages to renting over purchasing specialist equipment, but perhaps the most important is the transferral responsibility for the product's condition. Renting equipment from a specialist supplier means that not only are instruments cared for by a team of qualified, skilled engineers that have been trained on these specific instruments, but also that expert technical support, advice and guidance are provided. Instruments are constantly evolving, so their maintenance is often best provided by those with specialist training and experience.

Typical test and inspection equipment includes Non-Destructive Testing instruments, Visual Inspection kit including Videoprobes, Borescopes and Robotic Crawler Cameras and Environmental Monitoring equipment such as dust, vapour, and toxic gas detectors, and water quality monitors.

In summary, a clear inspection and maintenance strategy should be designed to avoid downtime and ensure the smooth operation of a plant whilst minimising costs and utilising the latest technology to ensure that problems are identified before they are able to affect production. Ashtead Technology's business is founded in the belief that instrument rental provides an opportunity to achieve this.

www.ashtead-technology.com

New designation for hazardous area.



R. STAHL is introducing "Ex 4.0", a new distinguishing label for state-of-the-art solutions in explosion protection that ensure maximum versatility of use. Designed for operation in almost all regions, "Ex 4.0" equipment can be integrated into diverse installations and networks. These components and systems provide superior efficiency, smart features, ensure comfortable handling and optimised maintenance.

Much like the "Industry 4.0" and "Industrial Internet of Things" (IIoT) designations, "Ex 4.0" identifies a new generation of high-performance solutions and technologies, highlighting a comprehensive availability of process and diagnostic data from the field. This capability opens up new possibilities for complex analysis and smart responses, e.g. preventive maintenance. Highly flexible monitoring and operating options including location-independent operation via mobile devices or remote access are ensured

However, "Ex 4.0" covers an even greater scope of features. Applied to a broad variety of different products – luminaires, isolators or remote I/O systems, control boxes, cameras or HMIs -, the label marks the presence of the full range of crucial qualities of futureoriented explosion-protected components. Notably, this means truly global suitability, possible by made availability of services throughout the world, multiple regional certifications, support for diverse bus systems and communication standards, and an extremely robust mechani-

for cal design. Only products toughened for operation in extreme conditions, including severe cold, high humidity, aggressive saltwater-infused atmospheres, constant vibration and other harsh environmental influences, are awarded the "Ex 4.0" label. R. STAHL has been able to ensure that the entire portfolio meets these criteria without compromising safety and availability. All R. STAHL hazardous area technology has therefore earned the "Ex 4.0" designation. Stahl products are marketed in Ireland through **Douglas** Controls and Automation.

www.douglas-esl.ie

Security assured

An ISASecure accredited test lab, exida, has announced that it has certified the Honeywell Experion C300 Controller R410 to the ISASecure® Embedded Device Security Assurance (EDSA) certification.

This controller is Honeywell's newest firmware version of its field-proven Experion C300 Controller product line. This maintenance of certification for the Experion C300 Controller demonstrates Honeywell's continued commitment to the ISASecure industrial automation and control system (IACS) cybersecurity conformance scheme.

The C300 controller supports a wide variety of process control situations, including continuous and batch processes and integration with smart field devices, and works across a variety of networks—allowing engineers to address their most demanding process control requirements.

The ISASecure EDSA certification assesses IACS products against the draft IEC 62443-4-2 and IEC 62443-4-1 standards and will be updated when the final standards are fully approved.

www.isasecure.org



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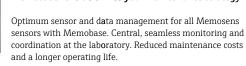
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Corporate brand slogan

Yokogawa has created a corporate brand slogan to encourage the joint pursuit of activities with its customers to create value and foster growth. The global launch of this new slogan, Co-innovating tomorrow, was September 1, the 100th anniversary of Yokogawa's founding.

The decision to create this new slogan has its origins in dramatic shifts in the company's business environment that are the result of globalisation, the transition to a multipolar world order, and the industry changes that are accompanying the increasing integration of things and information. In response, Yokogawa has drawn up a long-term business framework and formulated a vision statement that reads, Through "Process co-innovation", Yokogawa creates new value with its clients for a brighter future. Yokogawa is now accelerating its efforts to bring about a transformation that will allow the company to sustain growth for another 100 years. To share the essence of this vision statement with stakeholders and encourage all employees to join forces in the pursuit of this initiative, Yokogawa has established the corporate brand slogan of Coinnovating tomorrow.

This concept will encompass the entire range of Yokogawa solutions and will entail a commitment to working with clients to create new value on their behalf.

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PROFIBUS Diagnostics Demo Day



PROFIBUS IRELAND held a one day demo in two sessions on diagnosing PROFIBUS networks using PROCENTEC products. The demo was on portable diagnostic tool Profitrace and continuous monitoring tool Combricks. Over 25 participants from industry participated on the day.

The session on Profitrace covered the basics of PROFIBUS technology followed by the demo of using Profitrace, to identify issues such as missing or additional terminations, shorted or broken lines. Training kits were used to provide the participants with hands on sessions.

Second part of the demo concentrated on continuous monitoring using Combricks. A newly built demo wall consisting of PROFIBUS DP, PROFIBUS PA, and PROFINET was used to highlight the operation of Combricks. The integration of a number of different communications systems such as PROFIBUS DP, PROFIBUS PA, and PROFINET was shown using Combrick's backplane technology. Also included in the demo wall was the use of Fibre optic transmission and use of Profiswitch X5 to enable different transmission speeds on the same PROFIBUS network. The participants had a opportunity to connect remotely to Combrick and see the electrical waveforms of devices, bar graphs, Email notification of faults, amongst others.

www.profibus.ie

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Cill Droichead Abú!



The young women of Celbridge Camogie represented County Kildare in the U14 Camogie tournament in June. "This is the first time in 5 years that Celbridge Camogie have qualified for this National Tournament and we are delighted that Mitsubishi Electric are helping them get there," said Seán Ó Riain, Camogie Coach, Celbridge GAA Club.

Picture shows the team with Seán Ó Riain.

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OPC Technology

MatrikonOPC will be in Dublin in October with the best OPCSI certification program available for engineers, developers and integrators. MatrikonOPC offers a unique OPC training experience only instructors with extensive onsite OPC project expertise can deliver.

- October 6th- 07th, 2015 OPC Levels 1, & 2 OPC Integration & Diagnostics
- October 08th, 2015 OPC Level 3 Applications and Architectures

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Diagnose connectivity issues and solve DCOM problems

Exchange data through firewalls while complying with network security

Avoid common pitfalls through OPC best practices

www.matrikonopc.com/training/workshops/course-schedule.aspx

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Road-show for Ireland

Following the success of previous events SolutionsPT & Stratus are again teaming up and will bring their Roadshow to the K-Club in Straffen, Co Kildare on the 4th November.Registration for this on-line



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Control Valve



Johnson Controls' VP1000 pressure independent control valve, lives up to its full potential by saving owners money at the beginning of a project and throughout the life of the system. It saves contractors time and labour. Mechanical engineers can install the valves cheaper and avoid complex sizing at the design stage. The VP1000, available in Ireland through Intelligent **Building Controls.** is combination of a diffe-rential pressure regulator and a regulating valve for flow adjustment. Installation costs are considerably reduced as the valve performs the functions of two valves (balancing and adjustment). To adjust the flow rate, just set the selected value using the adjustment knob. Choosing the suitable valve is easy and fast. Flow rate is the only parameter to be considered.

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BACnet Tested and Certified



The EE210 and EE160 transmitters from E+E Elektronik are designed for highly accurate measurement of relative humidity and tempera-ture. Both are now available with a BACnet MS/TP interface for easy integration into a network or bus system for modern building automation.

Unitary digital communication a water treatment must; 200:1 standards in modern building automation allows for easy integration and interaction of devices from different manufacturers. With the BACnet protocol, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has established an internationally recognised network standard for building automation.

These humidity & temperature trans-mitters have been tested an accredited BACnet Testing Lab (BTL) compliance with the global BACnet standard ISO 16484-5. Their full BACnet conformity has been certified by an independent institute. Users can therefore be reassured that the BACnet protocol of the E+E trans-mitters fully meets the internationally recognised standard.

E+E transmitters, which are marketed in Ireland through Instrument Technology, are listed on the official website of the international **BACnet** association as well as in the certification database of the BACnet Interest Group Europe. As a member of the European BACnet Interest Group (BIG-EU), E+E Elektronik supports the ongoing development and assertion of the BACnet standard in Europe.

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Metering Pump



The CHEM-PRO® M series diaphragm metering pump, engineered and designed for precision liquid injection in municipal water treatment applications, exceeds industry standards.

Features include NSF 61 listing-

turndown; a large, easy to read LCD screen that displays the pumps' output rate; a 4-20mA output is standard on all models; a robust #316 Stainless Steel pump head cover for added strength; and a comprehensive 3 year warranty.

The unit also features Blue-White's exclusive DiaFlex® Diaphragm. The single piece DiaFlex is manufactured 100% in house of molded PVDF. There is zero delamination or breakdown with DiaFlex.

Optional advanced communications include: Industrial Ethernet. Modbus TCP. ProfiNet, Modbus, and Profibus.

www.blue-white.com

Water & Waste



Emerson Process Management has released Rosemount® 8750W magnetic flowmeter system for utility, water and wastewater applications. The Rosemount 8750W offers reliability and advanced process insight in an intuitive, easy to use solution specifically designed for utility flow measurement.

The Rosemount 8750W is ideal for water distribution in any process plant, cooling and heating water, water management, influent and effluent flows, wastewater, and desalination, making it an economical solution for nearly any water or utility related application.

From ordinary water applications to more challenging environments such as submergence, reliability is critical to flow measurement. The 8750W ensures reliability through welded coil housing for protection against moisture ingress, a dual compartment transmitter housing to keep electronics fully isolated from moisture, and a replaceable terminal block enabling easy repair in the field without the need to replace the entire unit. Intelligent diagnostics help users take advantage of improved installation, maintenance, and process management practices. **SMART** Meter Verification, grounding and wiring fault detection, and electrode coating detection are available with the Rosemount 8750W. The SMART Meter Verification diagnostic enables calibration in the field without shutting down the process or requiring complicated external equipment.

To simplify use, all meter information is quickly accessed through the easy-to-use Local Operator Interface (LOI), ProLink III, 475 Field Communicator, or AMS Suite predictive software.

www.emersonprocess.com/rosemount8750W

Power Quality



Schneider Electric announced the launch of its PowerLogic PM8000 series meter. It's a highly accurate, extremely reliable power and energy meter combining accurate three phase energy and power measurements with data logging, power quality analysis and alarms.

Survey data suggests that power quality related financial losses add up to more than €150b annually across the EU. To combat this energy waste, these meters are manufactured on the company's patented technology platform, providing a compact and cost-effective solution for energy infrastructure.

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Introducing our Mobile Flow Calibration Services

Endress+Hauser, one of the leading manufacturers of process measurement instrumentation are now bringing our expertise to mobile calibration services. Our highly qualified service engineers come to you with mobile calibration equipment and perform calibrations for you on-site. On-site calibration allows you to optimize your process up-time and save money.

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Native support StruxureWare Power Monitoring Expert and PowerSCADA Expert software applications lets clients realise the full potential of the PowerLogic PM8000 series through enhanced reporting and data visualisation tools. It is ideal for low to high voltage applications and particularly in industrial and critical power facilities.

"The PM8000 is the latest addition of game-changing energy management products to the PowerLogic range and typifies Schneider Electric's focus on building innovative solutions to customer energy challenges. The PM8000 is the power monitoring workhorse. making power quality easier to understand, unifying metering and logging of all utilities, and making data both fast to access and more actionable for organisa-tions looking to maximise the value from their energy expenditure," said Pat O'Neill, Business Development Power Monitoring Manager with Schneider.

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Combustion efficiency



City Technology, a Honeywell company, reports increasing customer interest in its new emissions sensors ahead of the upcoming heating season in response to performance improvements in combustion efficiency and flue gas analysis. New Premium 5 Series sensors for high-end flue gas analysis include the 50xLL long life oxygen sensor and A5F+ high range H2 compensated CO sensor, both conforming to EN50379-2 compliance. Highlight features include 50xLL's ability to operate for the whole life of an analyser, while reducing field failures and servicing costs through enhanced stability. The A5F+CO sensor can monitor up to 20,000ppm, removing the need for a second sensor.

The 4 Series sensors for combustion efficiency in installation and service applications include the 40xLL long life oxygen sensor and 4F & 4MF carbon monoxide sensors. The 40xLL long life O2 sensor is designed to match the lifetime of the average analyser, whilst the 4F and 4MF CO sensors offer low and high range measurements and robust internal acid gas filters to ensure operational life in demanding emissions environments.

John Warburton, Strategic Marketing Manager for City Technology comments: "Our new emissions sensors provide the ideal solution for the upcoming heating season, where servicing and appliance testing demands reach their peak. We have incorporated advanced component design, resistant materials, high activity electrodes and high capacity filters ensuring repeatability, stability and accuracy as well as fastest response times. These aspects ensure that engineers using our sensors can maximise their field efficiency, while also reducing ongoing monitoring costs."

www.citytech.com

Safe Alarms



R. STAHL's new 'Yodalex Super Series', supplied through **Douglas Controls & Automation,** comprises a suite of signalling devices designed for use in hazardous areas and harsh environments. The units are equipped with a lightweight GRP "Ex d" flameproof enclosure which provides a strong, robust, and safe housing designed to withstand the environmental demands of extreme temperatures and sealed against water and dust ingress according to IP66 and IP67. The Super Series is ATEX and IECEx-approved for use in zones 1, 21 and 2, 22 for gas and dust atmospheres. Additional global onshore and maritime approvals (GL, CUTR, INMETRO, PESO) will follow shortly, enabling operation industries across many throughout the world.

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featured on the YL6S and YA6S units has a maximum sound output of 110 dB at one meter. Its patented product design, unique to the Yodalex range, disperses sound radially outwards, providing excellent sound coverage, which ensures maximum safety within the designated area. A further feature of the sounder is that the user can control the release of a sound tone over three individual stages, allowing a system for managing test and real time emergency proce-dures. The user can individ-ually select the tone for each alarm stage from 32 internat-ionally recognised frequencies. The FL6S beacon is fitted with a 5 Joule Xenon When strobe. used conjunction with the new lens designed specifically for the Super Series, it produces a 49 effective candela flash at a rate of 1 Hz. Whether used individually or as part of the combination unit, the beacon is available with a choice of seven different lens colours including magenta. The YL6S combines all of the features present in both the YA6S and FL6S, housed within a single enclosure. This unique, light-weight and costeffective design reduces the amount of field cables and installation time compared to individual devices.

The units are suitable for an extremely wide operational temperature range of -55 °C to +70 °C. With voltage options starting at 24 V DC, R. STAHL also provides variants suitable for 48 V DC and 115 or 230 V AC power supplies. All mechanical fixings including the lens guard are manufactur-ed from 316/V4A stainless steel, ensuring optimal resis-tance to salt water in coastal, offshore or marine applica-tions. release of the Super Series completes the new line of GRP signalling equipment offered by R. STAHL that also includes the YA90 directional sounder, the MCP manual interface, and the FX15 beacon. Together, these products provide customers with the complete range of audible and visual signalling as well as manual interface equipment for ATEX and IECEx hazardous zones 1, 21, 2, 22 in extreme conditions and aggressive environments.

www.douglas-esl.ie

Pressure added

Since the release of the first compact pressure transmitter in 2012, KROHNE, marketed in Ireland through **DWN** Instrumentation (Dublin & Cork), has been continuously working on its own pressure portfolio. A complete portfolio for process pressure, hydrostatic pressure and differential pressure was unveiled at this years ACHEMA. The new OPTIBAR series includes a variety of pressure transmitters with ceramic or metallic measuring cells, application specific diaphragm seals, primary elements and accessories to equip flow, level or process pressure applica-tions - from single transmitter to complete measuring points. Starting with transmitters, the

Starting with transmitters, the portfolio holds pressure transmitters with ceramic or metallic measuring cells for standard applications: The PC5060 with capacitive ceramic

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measuring cell is aimed at all applications up to +100 bar / +1450 psi gauge. PM5060 with metallic measur-ing cell and fully welded process connection is used for high pressures up to +1000 bar / +14504 psi gauge, aseptic processes, and, in combination with diaphragm seals, for high temperature or corrosive appl-ications. Compact and ultra-compact transmitters, e.g. for OEM, are also available.

The differential pressure (DP) transmitter OPTIBAR DP7060 marks the centre of the transmitter range. It can be used for either flow, level or process pressure applications up to 420 bar / 6091 psi. The integrated absolute pressure measurement eliminates the need for an additional sensor in flow and level applications, e.g. measure head pressure in closed/pressurised vessels. Smallest measuring span of 10

mbar / 0.145 psi gauge is ideal for applications with small turndown ratios, and quick step response times allow for use e.g. with pulsating flows.



All OPTIBAR PC, PM and DP transmitters are based on a modular concept and share interchangeable housings, electronics, display and adjustment modules. Hereby, different requirements such as intrinsically safe / explosion proof concepts, or 4...20 mA HART 7 / HART SIL 2/3, **FOUNDATION** fieldbus, PROFIBUS PA communication options can be met with just one platform.

For DP volume or mass flow measurement of liquids, gases or steam, a wide portfolio from primary elements to complete measuring points from one source with matched, preconfigured components available. Medium temperatures -200/+1000°C process pressure up to 420 bar and line sizes from DN25-12000 can be covered. As primary elements, averaging pitot tubes are available as a simple, costefficient and long-term stable alternative next to orifice plates. Pitot tubes are especially suitable for applications that require a low pressure loss, retrofit of existing pipes with a flow measurement, line sizes >DN 300, or low pressure gases. The portfolio also includes wetcalibrated meter runs for small line sizes and low measure-ment uncertainty, a flow computer, optional pressure temperature compensation as

well as accessories for safe and easy installation of pressure transmitters in the process such valves and manifolds. condensate pots, or general accessories. All DP flow instruments can be calibrated up to DN 3000.

Hydrostatic pressure is used to measure liquid level, density or liquid-liquid-interface in open and pressurised vessels of any size. The OPTIBAR modular product line offers a complete portfolio of pressure and DP transmitters, diaphragm seals and accessories for measurement of corrosive and noncorrosive liquids and slurries up to 450°C and 420 bar. As a simple level measure-ment solution for wells or tanks, submersible probes available. A large portfolio of process connections, including different hygienic process connections for a hygienic, dead to page 10

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Valve for process quality



Festo has launched a new proportional valve VPPX with an external sensor input, and offers users improved performance, maximum flexibility and excellent process quality.

The valve is a proportional derivative integral (PID) controller ideal for use in industrial control systems found in process, packaging and water and wastewater applications. The incorpora-tion of external sensor, means friction, hysteresis and leakage are effectively cancelled out which enables engineers to build faster and more accurate machines and systems, while enhancing the quality and efficiency of their processes. Significant time savings can also be made, even in simple pressure regulation, with the sensor integrated into the system.

The VPPX valve is easily programmable using Festo Configuration Tools (FCT) and the user can select the control circuit (internal-external), the control behaviour (directinverted), the setpoint value, actual value and sensor signals (current/voltage). Previously, users had to specify whether the control signals were provided as current or voltage when designing the system. However, now users have increased flexibility as they can decide at the last minute how the signal should be transferred to the control system.

The setpoint value, initial pressure and external sensor's signal can be viewed in real time on the oscilloscope, and

adjusted for the optimum control characteristics, with set values recorded for future use.

The proportional valve VPPX is for use in many applications, for example, it can be used as a level controller in bottling systems, to control reservoirs, or for powders and granules with the aid of a pinch valve. The valve is also suitable for use in simple positioning tasks in process automation, for speed adjustment in pneumatic motors, and for pressure control with internal or external sensor, force, torque, vacuum and flow control.

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Monitoring and Control



Red Lion Controls, marketed in Ireland by Instrument **Technology**, has announced its **RAM®** Sixnet® series industrial cellular RTUs now provide high-speed global 4G LTE network support for use with many cellular carriers worldwide.

The addition of global 4G LTE network support to Red Lion's RAM industrial cellular RTUs enable customers to easily connect, monitor and control high-bandwidth applications in markets including oil and gas, water/wastewater. factory automation, utility and transportation. As manufacturing and industrial organisations continue to migrate from fixed legacy infrastructures to scalable highperformance networks. comprehensive solutions are needed to serve as the critical communication platform between facilities and equipment in many locations.

"More and more industrial organisations worldwide rely on

parameters can be easily cellular communications for increased data speeds, expansive coverage and reliable operation," said Paul Bunnell, product manager at Red Lion Controls. "Given the size and scope of many of today's industrial operations - with remote sites in various locations and countries - customers are demanding easy-to-deploy solutions that can operate reliably regard-less geography. This is why our high-speed RAM 4G LTE cellular RTUs provide a secure all-in-one platform seamlesslyintegrates with existing equipment to enable critical remote monitoring and control."

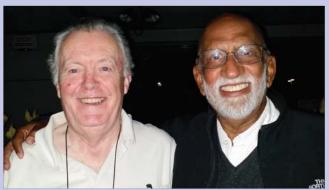
The RAM platform features a powerful built-in event engine that can easily be configured using an intuitive web-based interface to trigger actions when

pre-defined alarm values are met. For example, if a tank level is too high or valve pressure out of range, the RAM event engine will not only cycle a relay to stop a pump or open a valve, but can also send SMS text messages to alert when actions should be taken. This helps customers make critical decisions.

These units combine optional I/O and Wi-Fi with active GPS and multiple serial and Ethernet ports to securely monitor and control remote devices over 4G LTE cellular networks. By providing data visibility, control and real-time notifications on field-deployed equipment and processes, the RAM platform enables organisations to take advantage of the benefits associated with the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT).

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Automation thought leader calls!



hen somebody of eminence in automation visits our neck of the woods we do try to meet up and make them welcome. I guess it's an Irish thing!

Recently Read-out met the man and sat down and chatted faceto-face with the irrepressible **Jim Pinto**. And we have a photo above, because. as somebody said "If there isn't a picture it hasn't happened!"

So how to describe Jim Pinto's impact! Dick Morley (another automation thought leader), said of his writing, "When you read Jim, you have the feeling that you're looking through a telescope's magnifying end. With Jim you get to use the telescope with the microscope in the right direction: you see clearer, and you see things you cannot see with the naked eye."

This I think is the essence of the Jim Pinto, the "Poet Laureat of Automation!" And it is nowhere more evident than in his poetry. It is funny, but it is serious!

Thanks for the fun Jim, and may your list of bucket trips never be exhausted! And may you never cease to be irreverent but always full of fun and laughter!

Jimpinto.com

Technical Meeting

The Ireland Section of the International Society of Automation will hosted a technical presentation given by **Hal Software**'s Cormac Garvey in September entitled: *Prototyping a Batch Process Control System using ISA-S88 and ISA-S95*.

Top LtoR: Aidan Smith,

DePuy, Iain Logie, Emerson, Kieran Murphy, Emerson, Santosh Joshi, Zenith Technologies and Sarang Joshi, Masters Student UCC.

Bottom LtoR: Wayne Bursey, Siemens, ISA Ireland Section Technical Program Chairman, Cormac Garvey, Presenter, Hal Software, Alan Bateman, Janssen, ISA Ireland Section President, Michael Darcy, Hal Software





Quantitech has announced the appointment of **Craig Day** as Product Specialist to support the introduction of tuneable diode laser absorption spectroscopy (TDLAS) technologies in the British & Irish markets.



Stewart Dowsett has been appointed Key Account Manager for Britain, Ireland and Scandinavia with Kollmorgan. He replaces Ian Young who is retiring.



Rich Costa has been appointed Sales and Marketing Manager with Intelligent Building Controls, effective 1st October. Rich has over 30 years' experience in distribution and 9 years' experience with BEMS systems. Rich is currently a certified Engineer in Trend Controls BeMS and Dristeem humidification. Rich has been involved in projects with Boston Scientific and Abbott Vascular where running cost were reduced by over 55%.



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