Message from your Director-Elect



For the last several months I have been involved in a start-up at a recently upgraded municipal wastewater plant. I personally like start-ups - it's the time when you are at the top of your game, and every day brings new puzzles that you and your team work through.

It's also a team effort and it's a time when you get to draw on everyone's individual strengths. You're starting up equipment for the first time, and it is the moment when all the hard work that went into the plant design and construction starts to come to fruition. It is also a time where the knowledge-sharing and networking that I get through ISA WWID membership is vital.

Every project brings new experiences, and the more we can share these experiences with the others, the better we can all be at our jobs. It is simply impossible for any one person to know everything. Many of the best ideas and techniques I use during the course of the day have been as a result of talking with other professionals in my field. This is where WWID membership comes in very handy. Get on the WWID email mailing list, join our LinkedIn group, read the newsletter, and come to our annual symposium. Most importantly: talk to people. By networking and sharing experiences, we all continue to learn and get better at our jobs.

In the spirit of sharing technical knowledge, I have been working on a pet project of mine for the last several months. Our WWAC Symposium started in 2003 and has been an annual event since 2007, but we have been doing a poor job of sharing the papers/presentations from these past symposia. In fact prior to this year, only the papers for the 2003 symposium were available to WWID members. My goal for 2012-2013 is to track down all of these past papers/presentations, and make them available for both the WWID membership and the automation community at large.

I will be working closely with both ISA staff members and volunteer leaders so that we can make these papers available via the <u>www.isa.org</u> website and through our own WWID website at <u>www.isa.org/wwid/</u>. In particular, I would like to thank ISA staff members Susan Colwell (Manager, ISA Publications Department) and Rodney Jones (Senior Administrator for ISA Technical Divisions) for their help and support so far on this project.

As the first stage of this project, I am pleased to announce that the 2011 WWAC papers/presentations are now available for download at <u>www.isa.org/wwid/</u> under "Past WWAC Papers".

I encourage you to read in this newsletter about our upcoming 2012 WWAC Symposium that is scheduled for Aug 7-9, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. I also encourage you to submit an abstract for our upcoming call for papers. I hope to see you there!

Graham Nasby, P.Eng., PMP WWID Director-elect & General Symposium Chair for the 2012 WWAC Symposium

Upcoming Events

We are pleased to announce that our 2012 WWAC Symposium will be taking place August 7-9, 2012 in Orlando, Florida, USA. Hotel arrangements are currently being finalized and will be announced shortly. We will also be launching our new 2012 symposium website at <u>www.isa.org/wwac</u> in the next few weeks. The **Call for Papers** for the symposium will be released on the new website as well.

The August timeslot has been chosen so that we don't conflict with the major AWWA and WEF conferences. Keep in mind the ISA WWAC Symposium is the only conference that is focused solely on instrumentation, automation, and SCADA in the water/ wastewater sector. We look forward to seeing you in 2012!

- ACE12: American Water Works Association (AWWA) June 10-14, 2012 Dallas, Texas
- 7th Annual ISA Water/Wastewater Symposium August 7-9, 2012 Orlando, Florida, USA
- WEFTEC 2012: Water Environment Federation (WEF) Sept 29 – Oct 3, 2012 – New Orleans, Louisiana

SAVE THE DATE

7th ISA Water & Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium

> August 7-9, 2012 Tuesday - Thursday

Orlando, Florida, USA

(with Disney World just around the corner)

2 full days of speakers/presentations

Track 1 – Instrumentation, System Integration, Automation, Plant Case Studies, New Technologies, Optimization Track 2 – SCADA, HMI, Human Factors, Alarm Management

1 full day ISA Training Course

Plant Tour of a local Water/Wastewater Facility Trade Show, Reception & Networking Event

Affordable Professional Development for Plant Operations/Maintenance Staff, Plant Managers, Plant Designers, Engineers, System Integrators

CEUs – Continuing/College Education Units PDHs – Professional Development Hours