## Symposium Planning Update

*By Graham Nasby, General Symposium Chair*

The symposium committee has been hard at work since I last wrote to you in our Fall 2012 newsletter. Our program committee is taking shape, and I look forward to introducing them to you in our next newsletter. We also have a strong organizing committee this year with both familiar faces and several new members.

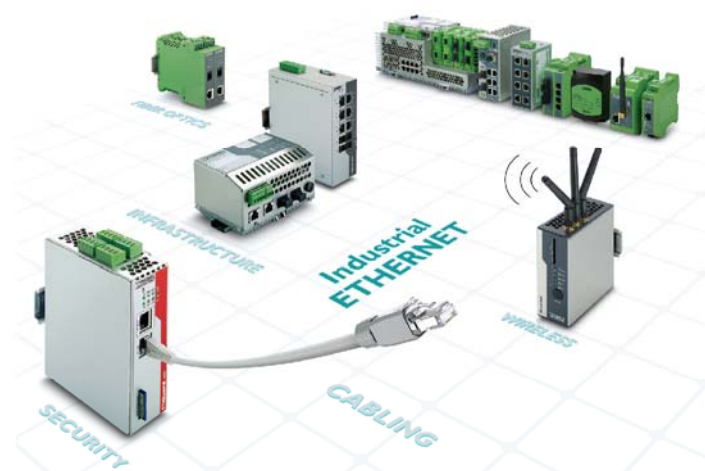I'm pleased to announce the three invited speakers for our symposium. They are:

**Bill Hollifield, of PAS,** will be giving a follow-up presentation to the "high performance HMIs" talk that he gave this past year. For 2013, he will be presenting results of a recent EPRI study about high performance HMIs and how the findings can be applied to our sector.

**Joe Cusimano, of exida,** will give a "state of the union" address about the current state of cyber security in municipal water plants in the world. John is also the instructor of the optional 2-day in-depth cyber security course that is being offered in conjunction with the symposium.

**P. Hunter Vegas, of Avid Solutions,** will present an invited talk about how to plan and manage successful SCADA retrofit projects. Mr. Vegas also recently co-authored a book entitled "*100 Tips for a Successful Automation Career*" (available at www.isa.org/books)

I'm also pleased to share the details about the two optional ISA training courses that are being offered in conjunction with the symposium. Read on in this newsletter for more details.
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