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## **Keynote and Program Announced for 2012 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium**

Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, USA (23 May 2012) – The International Society of Automation (ISA) has announced the keynote speaker and technical program for the 2012 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls (WWAC) Symposium. Now in its seventh year, the annual symposium offers a unique opportunity for automation professionals from the water and wastewater sectors to come together to share ideas, network and earn continuing education credits.

Taking place 7–9 August in Orlando, Florida, USA, the 2012 ISA WWAC Symposium is a three-day event that focuses on the challenges associated with automation and instrumentation in the water and wastewater sectors. It features two full days of technical speakers/presentations, a tour of a local water treatment plant, a general reception, networking events, a poster session and a supplier showcase. This highly focused symposium has a long tradition as an event that caters to the needs of automation professionals in the water and wastewater sectors.

### **Asset Management Keynote**

This year's keynote speaker will be Celine Hyer, a long-time American Water Works Association (AWWA) member, who will present a keynote address entitled "Facing Utility Challenges: Managing Risk and Addressing Aging Infrastructure Needs." Hyer is a principal consultant with Red Oak Division of Malcolm Pirnie/ARCADIS in Tampa, Florida, where she leads the asset management practice for the South.

Tom DeLaura, Water Environment Federation (WEF) Automation and Info Tech Committee chair, will also give a guest presentation on automation technology trends in the wastewater sector. DeLaura, vice president of Eramosa Engineering International, is a long-time member of both ISA and WEF and has a career in the wastewater sector that spans over 38 years.

"The 2012 ISA WWAC symposium offers a full program of over 25 technical papers and presentations that will be of interest to the water/wastewater automation professional," says ISA Executive Director and CEO Pat Gouhin. "The symposium offers a focused event that caters to the needs of individuals who are involved with SCADA, automation and instrumentation technologies as part of their daily jobs in this important sector of our municipal infrastructure."

“This year’s WWAC symposium program is a fascinating mix of instrumentation, SCADA, cybersecurity and human factor topics. The program offers great insight to anyone who works in either the water or wastewater sector,” says symposium Program Chair Joe Provenzano, who has been active in the industry for over 40 years. For a full program schedule please visit [www.isawwsymposium.com/program](http://www.isawwsymposium.com/program).

### **WEF and Florida AWWA Partner to offer CEUs/PDHs**

The Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Automation and Info Tech Committee have joined forces for this year’s symposium as technical co-sponsors. As co-sponsors, each will have a guest speaker and an exhibit booth at the symposium. Their involvement enables the symposium to offer Florida Department of Environment Protection-approved continuing education units (FDEP CEUs) for Florida-state licensed water and wastewater operators.

Symposium attendees can receive up to 2.0 CEUs or 20 professional development hours (PDHs) for participating in the symposium. For Florida-based attendees, FDEP CEUs and PDHs will be provided through the FSAWWA. ISA members and out of state attendees can receive PDHs through ISA. The optional short course on [Automation & SCADA Security](#) offers an additional 0.7 CEUs for attendance. More information can be found on the [symposium website](#).

Registration for the symposium is now open at [www.isawwsymposium.com/register/](http://www.isawwsymposium.com/register/).

### **About ISA**

Founded in 1945, the International Society of Automation ([www.isa.org](http://www.isa.org)) is a leading, global, nonprofit organization that is setting the standard for automation by helping over 30,000 worldwide members and other professionals solve difficult technical problems, while enhancing their leadership and personal career capabilities. Based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, ISA develops standards, certifies industry professionals, provides education and training, publishes books and technical articles, and hosts conferences and exhibitions for automation professionals. ISA is the founding sponsor of the Automation Federation ([www.automationfederation.org](http://www.automationfederation.org)).

### **About the 2012 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium**

Presented by the Water and Wastewater Industries Division of ISA, the 2012 WWAC Symposium helps professionals in the water and wastewater sector understand how automatic control applications affect processing and distribution of water treatment. It also provides an opportunity to gain valuable technical information and training. The three-day symposium focuses on the challenges associated with automation and instrumentation in the water and wastewater sectors. It features two full days of presentations (two speaking tracks), a tour of

the OCU water treatment facility, a general reception, networking events, a poster session and a supplier showcase. The 2012 ISA WWAC Symposium is being held from 7–9 August 2012 at the Holiday Inn Castle Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida. More information can be found at [www.isawwsymposium.com](http://www.isawwsymposium.com) or by contacting Graham Nasby, general symposium chair, at [graham.nasby@eramosa.com](mailto:graham.nasby@eramosa.com).