

## Message from your Director-Elect



It has been a very busy past several months for the WWID. The board and I are pleased to announce that our annual WWAC symposium is now full swing, our 2012 student scholarships have been awarded, and we have begun several important collaborations with other associations in our sector.

Back in March 2012, I had the pleasure of travelling to ISA headquarters in Raleigh, NC to facilitate meetings between the ISA and the Water Environment Federation (WEF). The purpose of the meetings was twofold – to discuss technical opportunities for the two organizations to collaborate and to explore ideas for additional cross-promotion activities. I'm pleased to report that the meetings were a success and led to the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the ISA and WEF. As a result the WEF Automation and Info Tech committee has joined our symposium as a technical co-sponsor, and three of our top symposium speakers will be invited to present their papers at WEFTC this fall. I wish to thank my friends at WEF, including Barry Liner, Jack Bensen and Tom DeLaura for their help in forging this newfound collaboration. You can read more about it later in these pages.

At the same time I was speaking with WEF, I also had the good fortune of meeting Rick Ratcliffe who is the Chair of the Florida Section of the AWWA (FSAWWA). I first spoke to Rick back in January, when I cold called him to ask if the FSAWWA would be interested in supporting our automation, SCADA and instrumentation themed symposium in his home state. The answer was a resounding yes, and I'm proud to report that we have collaborated with the FSAWWA on many fronts since then. The FSAWWA was instrumental in having our symposium hours approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as continuing education credits (CEUs) for Florida state-licensed water and wastewater operators. They also helped us certify our Automation & SCADA cyber-security short-course as FDEP CEUs as well. In return, the FSAWWA is now pleased to now be able to offer focused training opportunities for their members involved with SCADA, automation and instrumentation.

One of the secrets of planning this year's symposium has been forming partnerships like the two I have just outlined. There are too many to mention to here, but I will say that each has been mutually beneficial for all involved. The end result of these collaborations, along with some very hard work by our dedicated symposium committee, is the fantastic symposium that you will read about in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Orlando this summer. Put the date of August 7-9 on your calendar, and don't forget about the early-bird registration discount!

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General Symposium Chair for the 2012 WWAC Symposium

## WWAC Symposium Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for our 2012 WWAC Symposium! ISA members can register for only \$300 for the 3-day event.

Register online at:

[www.isawwsymposium.com/register/](http://www.isawwsymposium.com/register/)

Taking place 7–9 August in Orlando, Florida, USA, the 2012 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls 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.

“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.”

We have selected the August timeslot for several reasons. First of all this is “low season” for the area which translates into better airline and hotel rates – we know that many of our attendees come from public utilities where every training dollar counts. We also selected the August timeslot so that participants can bring their families – in August school is out and Walt Disney World is just around the corner.



### 2012 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium

7-9 August 2012....Holiday Inn Castle Resort Hotel....Orlando, Florida

Presented by the ISA Water/Wastewater Industries Division, in collaboration with the Florida AWWA and the WEF Automation and Information Technology Committee, the WWAC Symposium offers affordable professional development opportunities for SCADA, automation, and instrumentation professionals in the water and wastewater sectors.

- 2 full days of Technical Speakers and Presentations**
  - Track 1 – Instrumentation, System Integration, Automation, Plant Case Studies, New Technologies, Optimization, Project Management
  - Track 2 – SCADA, HMI, Human Factors, Alarm Management, Process Data Reporting
- 1 full-day ISA Training Course on SCADA & Automation Cybersecurity**
- Tour of Orange County's new Southern Regional Water Supply Facility**
- Trade Show, Reception & Networking Event**
- Affordable Professional Development for**
  - Plant Operations/Maintenance Staff, Plant Managers, Instrumentation Technicians, Plant Designers, Engineers, PLC/HMI/SCADA Programmers, System Integrators
- CEUs – Continuing Education Units & PDHs – Professional Development Hours**

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