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ENGINEERING STUDENT NIGHT WITH SOUTH JERSEY SECTION ISA; STUDENT NIGHT AT BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

Cherry Hill, New Jersey, February 18, 2009.... The ISA South Jersey Section Executive Board announced that it had a successful Engineering Student Night on February 17th at Burlington County College, Laurel Hall Mt. Laurel Campus, Mt. Laurel, NJ, in support of 2009 Delaware Valley Engineers Week: February 15th-21st.

Approximately twenty-two (22) ISA members, students, faculty members, and guests attended the meeting on February 17, 2009. Joseph Jastrzembski, Past President - South Jersey Section ISA, and David I. Spang, PhD, Dean - BCC Science, Mathematics and Technology were present, along with engineering students from Burlington County College, Camden County College, and Princeton University.

Past President Jastrzembski introduced the South Jersey Section member speakers in attendance. He gave an overview of controls and automation and mentioned how ISA South Jersey engineers and technicians contribute to the arts and sciences for controls and automation in the various sciences and technologies and the engineering community.

Guest speakers from ISA were introduced by Mr. Jastrzembski. Each speaker presented an overview of their representative engineering positions and highlighted the steps in their career path that led to their current position relating to controls and automation. Speakers were:

- Joseph P. Jastrzembski, P.E., URS Washington Division (Electrical Engineering) - ISA
- John C. Miller, Sr., P.E., Public Service Electric & Gas (Owner/Plant Engineering) - ISA
- Daniel J. Ebbert, The Ebbert Company (Controls & Automation Consultant) - ISA
- Matthew Glazik, Fluor Enterprises, Inc. (Safety System Engineering) - ISA
- Ernie M. James, P.E., James Controls, LLC (Entrepreneur Engineering) - ISA

Each presentation was followed by a question and answer period in response to the student inquiries and concerns for job opportunities in engineering. Speakers presented the students some of the key elements in starting an engineering career and recognizing opportunities in a lean job market, while responding to changing technologies and the need to pursue continuing education following graduation.

ISA Overview:

The International Society of Automation 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. ISA provides its members with unparalleled access to technical information, professional development resources, and opportunities to network with other automation professionals. In addition to these unique benefits, membership supports a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancement of the state-of-the-art and recognition of the automation profession.

ISA was organized in 1945, as the Instrument Society of America in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Society grew out of the desire of 18 local instrument societies to form a national organization. It's founder is recognized as Richard Rimbach of the Instruments Publishing Company. In 2000, the ISA Council of Society Delegates' approved a legal name change to ISA-The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society. Recently, in 2008, the ISA Council of Society Delegates' approved the name change to ISA-The International Society of Automation.

The Society Objectives as stated in the Bylaws, "...to advance and to reinforce the arts and sciences related to the theory, design, manufacture and use of instrumentation, computers and systems for measurement and control in the various sciences and technologies for the benefit of mankind."

Society Membership is in over 100 countries, including engineers, technicians, and other professionals and practitioners within the field of instrumentation, systems and automation. There are 190 ISA Sections that serve local members. There are 21 Technical Divisions in ISA.

ISA continues to expand its products and services, increasing the size and scope of the ISA conference and exhibition, developing symposia, offering professional development and training, adding to technical Divisions, and even producing films about measurement and control. Each year through its Honors and Awards program ISA recognizes outstanding technical contributions by individuals to the automation profession.

Major publications include the Society's official publication, The InTech Magazine, which contains information on technical news and products; the ISA News and Views, a members only monthly which features news and relevant information for all ISA members; ISA Directory; On-line ISA Standards access; and ISA Transactions, a quarterly publication that prints the best articles about measurement and control. ISANetwork: www.isa.org.

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