



INCOSE UK Newsletter

When Two or Three are Gathered Together

Stop press for this quarter's Newsletter is a report from the AGM. As usual with our AGMs, there is not much to report – the Board perceive a distinct lack of enthusiasm for the procedural side of INCOSE UK and we try to keep things to a minimum. Unfortunately there were only ten members present (and three of those were Board members), despite the lure of a presentation by Paul Davies on system test metrics.

It is fortunate that no matters of real importance were up for discussion, because in accordance with the INCOSE UK Articles of Association we need at least 10% of the membership present (or by proxy) for a quorum. With membership currently at 330, even the three proxy forms that we received got us little more than a third of the way to a quorum.

Now I know that the management of INCOSE UK Ltd may seem to be an irrelevance, but without some form of legal entity we would not be able to operate. It would be more difficult to enter into contracts with hotels, run bank accounts, market events and accept sponsorship. In addition, the officers would be personally liable for any company debts. This seems to me to be a rather large risk – especially when you (or more often your employer) pay for the privilege of taking part! Like all companies we are subject to Company Law, which dictates certain procedures that have to be adhered to.

We have a duty to inform you of what is going on, even if few of the membership are interested in the workings of INCOSE UK Ltd. It would be possible to prepare a written report, but I am not convinced that it would have any greater impact and it would involve the Board in additional work that does not directly further the aims of INCOSE. In any case, according to the Articles of Association we still have to hold an AGM because in effect all members are shareholders of INCOSE UK Ltd,

and all companies have to hold AGMs for their shareholders.

So, what can we do? It seemed like a good idea at the time to remove the AGM from its 'graveyard' slot in the Autumn Assembly and associate it with a local meeting. The concept was to give members a reasonable chance (over the years) to attend a 'local' AGM and make their voices heard. Clearly we need to rethink this approach, but re-instating the AGM at the Autumn Assembly is only a cosmetic solution – there may be a 'captive' quorum present, but there is seldom any query or debate.

As always, I am open to suggestions provided that they are legal, feasible, and relevant to the matter in hand. If people aren't bothered about INCOSE UK Ltd provided that the events keep happening, then we could propose some changes to the Articles of Association to change the rules for AGMs. We would however need a meeting to agree on these changes!

Pete Lister

President of the UK Chapter of INCOSE.

The UK Chapter Autumn Assembly 2000

Around 100 people gathered at the Goddard Arms in Swindon on the 6 and 7 of November for the second Autumn Assembly. The AA format has evolved over the years from an Annual General Meeting for the UK Chapter, with some added attractions, to an event in its own right. This year we dispensed with the AGM altogether, planning to hold this as a separate evening event in January. We designed the AA as an opportunity to air and debate key issues facing Systems Engineering, with a distinct emphasis on both in-depth coverage and audience participation. The format is a mixture of presentations, panels and perhaps most importantly, some audience participation.

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The organizing committee chose the subjects for this year's assembly carefully. After brainstorming about ten candidate subjects we evaluated them against their potential interest to members. We gauged this interest using the new members survey and our own experience of subjects that we knew from other INCOSE events were likely to attract interest. The final test was to see whether we could persuade a champion to take on the role of session chair to put together a programme and enlist speakers for the proposed session. This whittled the original ten subjects down to the four that were actually presented.

There is a major emphasis on audience participation at the AA. Yes, you can just sit back and just listen to the information that is offered, but the idea is to use the opportunity to ask questions and state ones views. Fortunately the audience did not disappoint, with a succession of pertinent questions and relevant observations.

The first day offered sessions on the Systems Engineering Capability Assessment and the use of UML in Systems Engineering. The SE Capability Assessment session was chaired by Paul Davies of Racal Thomson Defence Ltd, and was motivated by the recent assessment of his company by DERA. There were presentations from Paul, and Dick Allen-Shalless of Racal Thomson Defence Ltd, as well as presentation from John Keenan of DERA (one of the assessors involved). Valerie Gundrum of Lockheed Martin presented a perspective from an organisation where CM assessments seem to have become a way of life. Paul concluded with an overview of non-defence/aerospace CM users – I think that many were amazed to find that one of the biggest is the Disney Corporation.

The session on UML in Systems Engineering was conceived as an attempt to discover the extent to which this latest 'Silver Bullet' might help the SE practitioner. Dr Rob Collins of Entelecheia, the session chair, presented a micro tutorial entitled 'UML for SE in 45 minutes or less!'. This was true to its title, and was followed by perspectives from Kevin Howard of TME, Steve Trevellion of Rational and Dr Jon Holt of Brass Bullet. In the event there was little opportunity for discussion, but from what I heard later from delegates they were either reasonably comfortable with UML, or were still getting to grips with what it was all about.

The AA dinner followed that evening, and discussions were continued until well after midnight. Prof. Philip M'Pherson entertained us after dinner with some important lessons that he had learnt during 50 years of systems engineering. Unfortunately I can only recall a highly amusing discourse, so I will probably be condemned to relearn these lessons the hard way.

The first session of the following day took the form of an investigation of Systems Engineering in Academia. A panel of academics was posed the question 'How can academia support stakeholders?', followed by a panel of industry based engineers responding to the question 'What does industry want from academia?'. The whole session was ably introduced by Prof Peter Sydenham, assisted by co-chair Martin Testo. Martin has taken on the tricky issue of investigating the interface between INCOSE UK and our academic members, and this session was an opportunity to try and draw some conclusions from the assembled panels. I am not sure that we made any astounding breakthroughs, but there were a number of issues raised that should form the basis for future discussions. The main message that came across was the need for communication between industry and academia.

The final session was about Integrating Human Factors into Systems Engineering. This took the form of a teach-in by several HF specialists, followed by breaking into groups to discuss key issues raised. The session was co-chaired by Colonel David Wright and Dr Ron McLeod of Nickleby HFE Ltd. Other speakers included Bob Miles of the HSE (Health and Safety Executive) Offshore Safety Division, Eleanor Forest of Nickleby HFE, Mel Forster of the DPA (Defence Procurement Agency) and Ken Paler of BAE SYSTEMS. The feedback from these discussions will hopefully find its way into the UK NAC (National Advisory Committee) on Human Factors. The consensus of the five groups was that HF need to be more closely integrated into Systems Engineering activities, particularly at the early stages of a project. To make this work, the HF specialists need to take a more pro-active role – suggesting concepts and solutions rather than issuing guidelines.

The material used the sessions, together with resumes of discussion, has been posted on the INCOSE UK Web site. You are welcome to have a look, but if you want the full experience, make sure that you book for the 2001 Autumn Assembly to be held on 5 and 6 of November.

I would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors, BAE SYSTEMS, Racal Thomson Defence Ltd, Nickleby HFE Ltd and the IEE. Their sponsorship has helped us to advertise and underwrite the assembly and ensure that an enjoyable and interesting event could be staged.

Pete Lister

The Spring Symposium 2001

MAY 14 – 16, 2001

The planning for the Spring Symposium is currently in full swing. We have confirmed the venue (Landmark Hotel, Daventry), and we will shortly be reviewing and selecting the papers that are on offer. Shortly after we extended

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the deadline for papers to the 31st January, there were sufficient proposals on the table to cover the planned two days. If you have a paper in mind then there is still time to submit it to Mike Prince if you are quick. Mike is Technical Chair for the Symposium, and as well as managing the paper selection he will be looking for volunteers to chair sessions. Please contact Mike if you would like to get

involved in this way, or can suggest someone else for the role.

We have about 4 proposals for Tutorials so far, and we could do with a few more. There is enough space to run 6 tutorials simultaneously on 14th May, and we are open for full or half day offerings. If you have been wondering whether to take the plunge then let us know as soon as possible. You should bear in mind that there is a remuneration package for tutorial providers, which at the very least will help to defray expenses. Stuart Cornes has agreed to review Tutorial proposals and select a complementary set that will hopefully offer a broad spectrum of choice. Please contact Stuart for more details about the Tutorial requirements and arrangements.

The venue has plenty of space for exhibitors, and Bob Briggs will shortly be sending invitations to a the list of those who have previously exhibited at our events. We are proposing to schedule the exhibition to run from lunchtime on the 15th May through to lunchtime on the 16th May. This will allow plenty of set up and break down time, and plenty of 'prime' delegate time during extended lunch breaks and the evening run up to the Symposium dinner (15th May). If you want details of the exhibition package, then contact Bob.

As ever we are looking for sponsorship to help underwrite costs, and will be inviting companies to sponsor elements of the event. BAE SYSTEMS are already active on the CD-ROM front. We are planning to issue papers on CD-

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Keep an eye on the web site, because further details will appear there first. There will probably be an interim mail-shot, before a full brochure is published. We are planning to use the Support Shop to handle the registrations because they did a good job for the Autumn Assembly. In the meantime make a note of the dates in your diary and prepare yourselves for a great event. If you have any general queries about the event then contact Pete Lister or John Mead.

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Pete Lister

Election of Officers - Winter 2001/2

By this time next year, our President Elect will have taken over the President's role, and I will have become Past President. This means that we will be needing someone to step forward to take on the role of President Elect. As you may have seen elsewhere in this Newsletter, we also need someone to run the CMC (Communications & Membership Committee). The CMC chair is automatically a member of the INCOSE UK Board.

The other elected positions (as always) will also be open for new nominations – Secretary, Chair of the SEPDC etc. We usually ask for nominations in the Autumn, and mostly end up persuading the current holders of an office to stay on. I am raising the issue now in the hope that several of you will come forward and nominate yourselves for office. Don't worry about the existing officers being upset by being ousted – I think that all of us

would be happy to take a back seat and make our contribution to INCOSE in different ways.

An early indication of interest will give us time to introduce you to the task so that you needn't be concerned about being dropped in the deep end. If you are interested in taking a greater role in INCOSE, but don't feel that you are ready for leadership, we would still like to hear from you. With a few more volunteers we might be able to set up some really active committees and working groups.

During our founding year (1994/5) we had around 30 members playing an active role in the Board and supporting committees. There have been some new faces in the intervening years, but we are now down to about 8 or so members who attend more than one meeting a year. There are probably another 10 or 12 who can be relied upon to take on 'ad-hoc' tasks (for example session chairs at the AA). This is not enough to ensure reliable back-up in the event that one of the activists is unable to participate for any reason. Nor is the turnover of committee members sufficient to bring in as many new ideas, skills and fresh approaches as I would like.

So, have a think about it, and if you would like to have a go please contact me.

Pete Lister

Research Fellow and PhD Studentships in Computer Science

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND MATHEMATICS, SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY

The School is a research-rich environment, attaining a 3b in Computer Science in the last RAE and looking to build on this rating for the next RAE. Current research within the School is funded by industry, the EPSRC, and the European Union.

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An application form and further details are available from the Human Resources Department, South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA, or telephone: (020) 7815 6223 (24 hour answering service) or email: humanres@sbu.ac.uk Please quote appropriate reference number. Closing date for the request of applications 7 February 2001.

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Ad submitted by Ddembe Williams

INCOSE UK is happy to publicise academic courses and employment opportunities that may be of interest to our members. Please contact the Newsletter editor or John Mead if you have material that you would like us to publish. Please note that our publication dates are somewhat variable so we cannot guarantee to hit a specific date.

Pete Lister

Integrated Systems? How?

Systems Engineering models to date with their so-called life-cycles have failed to provide a common understanding of systems engineering. Semantics are a minefield of misunderstanding and disagreement. "Requirements" mean different things to people even within a common domain. Standards continue to fail to provide the help which they should to other than those engaged in "management".

Universities are creating new courses but with different perspectives and core aims, perhaps too much influenced by government and industry, to the detriment of their content.

Much duplication of effort occurs prior to during and after the bid phase due to the lack of a suitable SE model.

Railway trains, tracks and signalling have their problems, our roads are clogged with traffic, new air traffic control systems fail to enter service any where near on time, we are trying to improve our health service without understanding the design as a system, and we are tempted to treat safety as a bolt-on goodie which can be purchased for a legacy system by throwing money at it.

We have excellent conferences and symposia world wide, but is systems engineering design in particular being improved? Systems are still broken down into manageable pieces which fail to re-assemble into an integrated, safe, reliable whole, working groups do not understand their relationships and interfaces, they do not interact, sub-contracts are managed badly, and within a single large system, do not interface properly, and can lead to major failures. This can commence with badly constructed "Requirements", followed by badly constructed industrial design from system level to "nuts and bolts". Too often this results also in software designers having to design without a systems engineering created design requirement specification.

Regarding all of the foregoing, there needs to be a common model to impose a common discipline. For too long people have written, spoken, created unsatisfactory standards, constructed systems engineering courses, and taught, without a common model for a specific understanding of a common discipline. The abundance of General Systems Theory still can not connect with those who do the real work. Glossaries and categories without this model are meaningless also.

Finally, to hear the Head of the Association of Train Operating Companies speaking on TV about "getting the interfaces right", was dispiriting. Addressing interfaces without accurate design knowledge directly related to operational needs, is still the failed method of reductionism. With the right model this is easy to see. Where is our Systems Design Model? Integrated systems??

George Caple

Have we really got things that wrong? I believe that where the best practices currently available are actually adopted wholeheartedly, and with proper support, then the outcomes can be very good. Conversely, where myopic management either fails to apply SE (i.e. the NHS and the UK Transport System (sic)), or believes that bandying around a few SE buzz-words is enough, then the failures continue to mount up.

It is true that we have a duty to 'sell' the benefits of 'real' SE to our managers, and ensure that our peers are properly trained to apply the best practice, but ultimately most of us do not control the decisions that are taken. What I find frustrating is that the failings are often entirely predictable (e.g. inadequate requirements management as George mentions in his piece), and almost any competent SE practitioner presented with the case history can identify them.

As to defining subsystems, this is an essential part of delivering a large and complex project. It is virtually impossible to instil a common vision into several hundred (or thousand) people spread over several sites (or continents) – even if there is a will to receive the vision.



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Systems Engineers - Poole

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SKILLS / EXPERIENCE

- A solid experience of hands on systems engineering in a relevant development and systems integration environment
- Degree or equivalent in a relevant engineering discipline
- Good technical communicator, both written and verbal
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However, if you don't manage the System level correctly, fail to identify the appropriate subsystem requirements, and fail to engage the talents of your subsystem suppliers at the earliest stages of design, then the end result is something of a lottery. Sadly, too many projects have cut corners at the outset only to be condemned to protracted and expensive modifications later.

What are your views? Are the methods and materials wrong, or is it the way that organisations apply (or misapply) them? Are we missing the essential truths of SE? The Newsletter awaits your contribution to the debate. Send your contributions to me at listerp@plcsun.siemens.co.uk, or by snail mail to Siemens Transportation Ltd, 4 Highlands Court, Cranmore Avenue, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4LE.

Pete Lister

Do We Never e-mail You?

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because the address that we have on file is rejected or alternatively we do not have an address for you at all.

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John Mead

Events – Reports and Advance Notices

THE GENERIC UNIFIED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING METAMODEL (G.U.S.E.M.)

“FROM SCENARIO TO NUTS AND BOLTS”

Incorporating, “Systems Design, the Forgotten Focus of Systems Engineering”

A lecture and debate at Savoy Place on Tuesday 20th February 2001 at 10:00 am.

What is the Generic Unified Systems Engineering Metamodel? Why is it essential for the future development of systems engineering methods, standards, the use of tools, and working groups?

Chairman – Mr. George Wallace, Lockheed Martin

G.U.S.E.M. - Mr. George Caple

UML - Dr. Jon Holt, Brass - Bullet

G.U.S.E.M. Animation - Professor Derek Hitchins

How would GUSEM help the MOD and other Customer interfaces? How could sub-contract success be helped? How could the bid phase be helped? How could time and effort be saved in these areas?

Can the model help to improve the understanding of the purposes of, and the relationships between Working and Interest Groups?

Why not just have conventional processes? Would the model help to further the understanding of one's own systems engineering processes? Could one use SSM, UML, one's own best practice, and other techniques within the model? How would this be done?

Why not just use IEEE P1220, EIA 632, ISO 15288, or a good book?

How would Systems Design, the forgotten focus, be rediscovered? How would all design disciplines be better able to work together? How would roles and responsibilities be clarified? How would safety, reliability, testing, etc. be better addressed?

How would GUSEM be used daily and effectively? How would CMM results be improved?

For further information contact either George Wallace at george.wallace@lmc.com, or George Caple at georgecaple@cs.com.

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OVERVIEW

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demos of research tools, and a doctoral workshop for PhD students.

Invited keynote speakers will include:

Dr. Pamela Zave, Technology Advisor, AT&T Laboratories, USA

"Requirements for Evolving Systems: A telecommunications perspective"

Professor Gene Spafford, Director, CERIAS, Purdue University, USA

"Requirements Engineering for Information Security and Assurance"

Dr. Mike Lowry, Principal Investigator, Automated Software Engineering, NASA, USA

"The Role of Validation and Verification in Requirements Engineering"

Mini-tutorial speakers will include:

Professor John Mylopoulos, University of Toronto, Canada

"Conceptual Modelling in Requirements Engineering"

Professor Axel van Lamsweerde, Universit Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

"Goal-Oriented Requirements Engineering"

If you are working in the area of RE, or are just interested in finding out more about the field, we would like to welcome you to join us in Toronto in August 2001.

Steve Easterbrook Bashar Nuseibeh

General Chair Programme Chair, RE'01

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KEY DATES

Paper abstract submissions (mandatory) 15th Feb 2001

Full paper submissions 22nd Feb 2001

Notification sent to authors 2nd May 2001

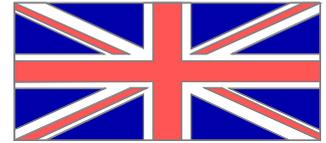
Tutorial proposal submissions 6th April 2001

Doctoral workshop submissions 6th April 2001

Posters and Research Demonstrations 14th May 2001



AFCEA LONDON



AFCEA is a non-profit organisation that has three branches in the UK - London, South and West each with their own programme of events. London has a dinner meeting virtually every month, which includes a speaker on communications, electronics and the application of them. This year the London theme is “ Modernising Government “and it has attracted a number of important speakers that have generated a great deal of interesting debate. We also have the occasional lunchtime meeting, technical visits, and a number of social events.

Next months events include :- a lunchtime with Mr Peter Gershon, Office of Government Commerce, a Corporate luncheon, and an evening presentation by Jeff Parris Gen. Manager BT Quadrant –‘Communications for Public Safety’

Meetings are usually held at the Duke of York Headquarters (near Sloane Square), starting at 18h00 for cocktails. The full programme of activities and meetings is issued to members and it is only £20 to join – at the moment. Email Iain Kerr on iainkerr@clara.net for a membership form and programme and visit our website www.afcea.org.uk.

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- Requirements modelling, analysis and re-use, including domain modelling
- Handling non-functional and quality requirements
- Formal representation schemes and specification

languages, and formal analysis techniques

- Multiple viewpoints, conflict resolution, and inconsistency management
- Prototyping, and animation and execution of requirements
- Requirements management, traceability and metrics
- Evolution of requirements over time and across product families
- RE standards, processes, methods and environments
- RE case studies and experiences
- RE and information systems development
- Interaction of RE with software architecture, design, verification & validation, and software maintenance
- Analysis of safety, reliability and other high assurance requirements
- Cognitive, social, political and cultural factors in RE
- Human-computer interaction, groupware, and CSCW aspects of RE
- Artificial intelligence techniques for RE
- RE education

See <http://www.re01.org/submission.html>) for submission details and for information on how to submit panel and tutorial proposals, doctoral workshop papers,

posters and research demos. For any other queries, please contact info@re01.org.

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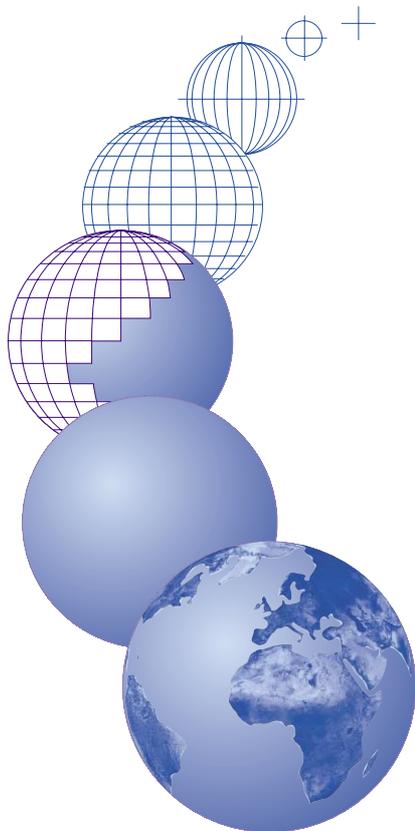
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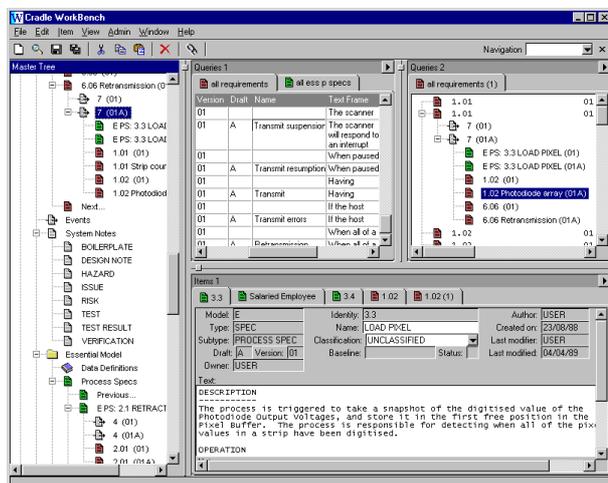
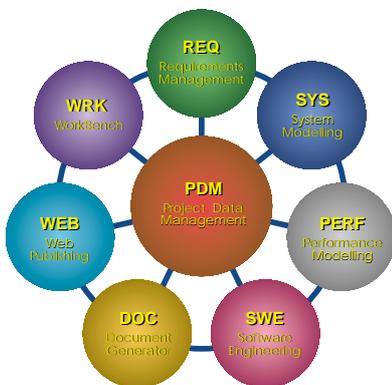
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