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DINNER MEETING NOTICE

MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2007

SARNIA GOLF & CURLING CLUB

500 ERROL ROAD WEST, SARNIA PHONE: (519) 336-2201

COCKTAILS 6:00PM— DINNER 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATION

***Diversification into Industrial Bio
Products and Alternative Energy***

George Mallay - General Manager

*Sarnia Lambton Office of
Economic Development*

Welcome new members— Ali Abuzafar, Jeremy
Brubacher, Jeff Evans, Tony Ledwick, Michael
Loch, Roland Scharfenberg and Ross Withers.

MENU

***Leek Soup,
Almond Encrusted Pickerel,
Roast Potatoes
Asparagus
Lemon Mousse Cake***

Kindly book before deadline indicated
below.

MEMBERS \$15 & GUESTS \$25

Kindly book before Thursday, November 22, 2007. Call Maureen Lynas at Willer Engineering,
Phone: 519-336-3006; Fax: 519-344-0607; Email: maureen.lynas@willereng.com

*For special dietary needs contact Hilda White at SGCC 48 hours prior to the meeting,
Phone: 519-336-2201

NOTE: All Members and guests are requested to reserve in advance.



Guest Speaker Abstract



George Mallay

General Manager of the Sarnia Lambton Office of Economic Development

He has been in the economic development profession for 19 years and has worked at the municipal, county and regional levels. He is currently General Manager of the Sarnia-Lambton Office of Economic Development. Prior to this, George was with the City of Kanata for seven years and before that with the Ottawa Economic Development Corporation. Through his career George has been involved in virtually all aspects of economic development from strategic planning, industrial and retail land development, marketing, and developing educational programs to improve the success of small businesses. George holds degrees in economics-geography, urban planning and an MBA.



Sarnia Section Member Wins ISA Distinguished



ISA Sarnia Section member Brian Smith has won ISA's "Distinguished Society Service Award" for year 2007. This award recognizes dedicated ISA Members who, through long outstanding service to the society and its members, have contributed to the Society and its organizational units.

Brian Smith C.E.T. has been an ISA Member for 29 years and an ISA Senior Member since 1988. Brian is currently the Sarnia Section Membership & Marketing Chairman and since 1991 has served as Treasurer, Webmaster, Vice President and President. He has published papers at ISA Conferences, won the Process Measurement & Control Division's Best Paper Award and has written articles for Sarnia Section publications. Brian is Chairman of ISA97 a member of ISA84 and ISA100 and earned a leadership Development Certificate in 2005. Brian holds a diploma in Electronics Engineering Technology from Lambton College and is a Certified Engineering Technologist. As a Senior Instrument/Electrical Designer at INEOS NOVA Sarnia site, he is responsible for Safety Systems SIL Analysis, design, installation and testing.



"The great ISA Dinner Meeting Mystery"

The good part of this story is that I.S.A. Sarnia Section currently has over 170 members. Unlike many organizations operating today, ISA Sarnia Section has seen consistent, healthy membership growth. So what's the mystery? The mystery is that, even though many people seem eager to join our ISA section, many also seem very reluctant to come out and participate in our Sarnia Section general dinner meetings. Why would that be? What are we doing wrong, and what are we missing? Let's look at this issue in detail. . .

Do members think our program may not be relevant or up to date?

- Many members may think that is the case, but I can assure you that YOUR Program Chair works very hard to provide a balanced program that is technically current, educational, unbiased, interesting, and entertaining. The days of the sales guy doing his "canned talk" are over. For example, at our last dinner meeting, our speaker presented a brief, concise talk on "Wireless Technology". Certainly sounds like a timely, relevant topic to me!

Do people think our dinners are too expensive?

- I suppose if one is accustomed to dining at "fast-food" restaurants, \$15 may seem a wee bit pricey, but for a good quality dinner, including salad, entree with all the trimmings, dessert, and coffee/tea, served at an upscale private club, it sounds like a bargain, doesn't it ?

Perhaps members think our dinner meeting format may be too "fancy or stuffy"?

- That's an assumption that members may be making based on our venue, "The Sarnia Golf and Curling Club", however anyone that has attended a meeting recently would have to admit, our program is quite casual, our dinners are excellent, and our speakers don't make "sales presentations", they present unbiased, current technical themes. For anyone that has not attended, we also have a lot of fun networking with our colleagues and friends in the instrumentation and automation fields. Who said ISA Dinners shouldn't be a fun thing to attend? Certainly anyone who witnessed the hilarious antics of some of our "distinguished colleagues" at our dinner and Hypnotist Show in May would vehemently disagree with that statement.

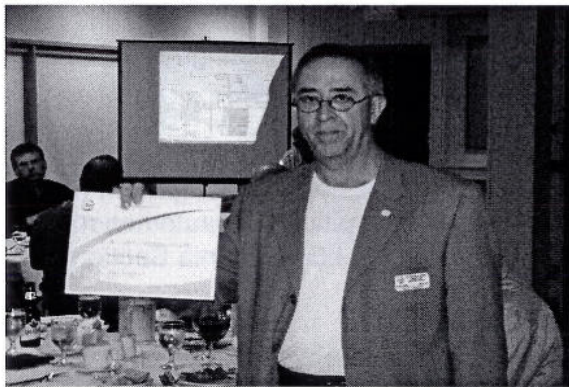
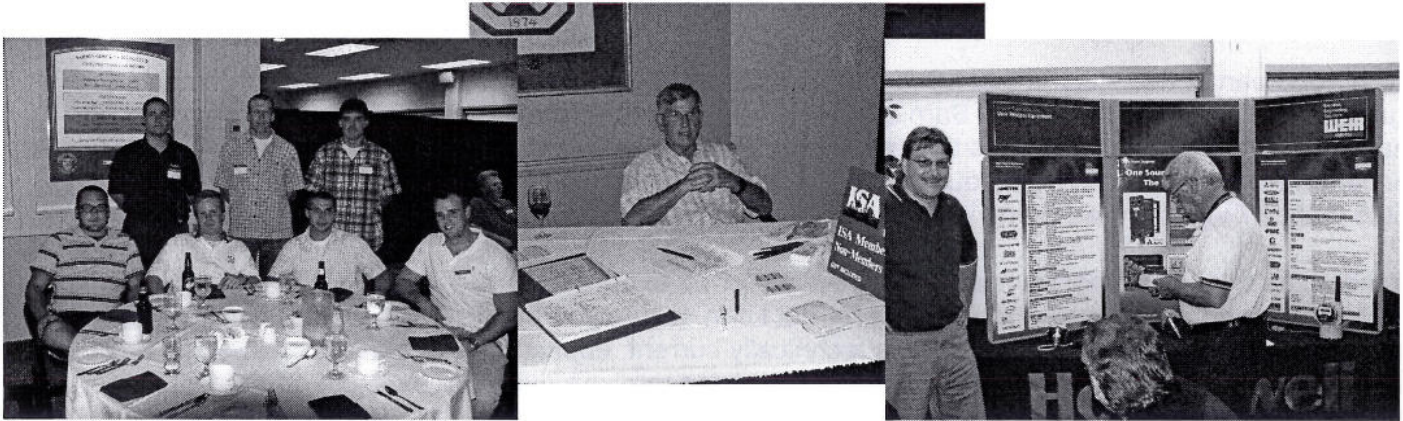
ISA Sarnia Section members, your membership offers tremendous opportunities through unparalleled access to technical information, free standards, a huge technical library, professional development resources, and most importantly, through networking and friendships with other instrumentation and automation professionals. If your chosen field or vocation is instrumentation or automation, I.S.A. Sarnia Section is the only professional organization that can offer you so much.

Please, if you are a new member, come and meet your associates, colleagues and friends, and if you have belonged to ISA for decades, come out and see how ISA Sarnia Section has changed for the better. I hope to see ALL of our members at our next regular ISA Sarnia Section dinner on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 6:00p.m. Once again, we have arranged for a speaker to present a very pertinent, timely topic, that you won't want to miss: "Diversification into Industrial Bio Products and Alternative Energy".

Brian Davidson
President, ISA Sarnia Section



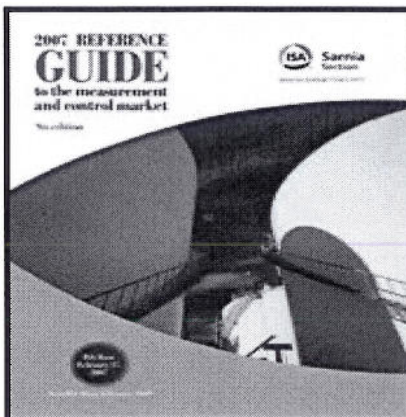
September 24, 2007 Dinner Meeting



Section Performance Award Program 06/07
- Gold award with Brian Davidson - President



Sept dinner speaker Jean-Yves Chapados & Jeff
Talbot - Program Chair



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ISA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION

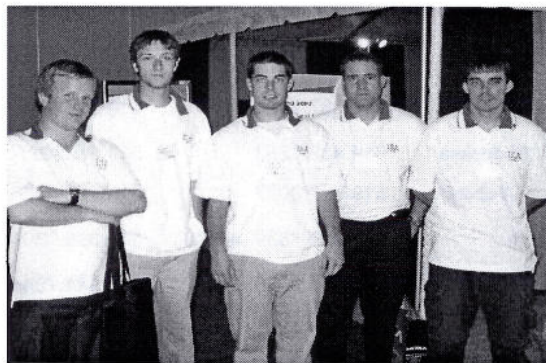


This October, the Sarnia ISA Section sent a Lambton College Student Section team to Houston to compete in ISA's International Student Competitions. The 5 member student team comprised of 3rd year students enrolled in Lambton College's Instrumentation and Control Engineering Technology Program (ICET). Competing teams arrived from Mexico, Russia, the USA, and two other teams from Canada, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). Also for the first time a team from Columbia competed as well. Practical exercises/problems were provided by Fisher, Emerson, Yokogawa and Honeywell. Exercises included trouble shooting a valve positioner, configuring a DCS, building and commissioning a pressure transmitter, and converting/wiring a boiler control module from a traditional double block and bleed system to a leak/pressure sensing technique.

First place in the competition went to another Canadian team BCIT, second place went to Iowa State Technical College and Lambton College placed a respectable third. If you recall, last year Lambton placed first and BCIT placed third. The team members and Lambton College would like to thank the Sarnia Section for their continued support of our Student Section. Without your help activities such as this would not be possible.

The Lambton team comprised of, from left to right, Jared Wilson, Shawn Potvin, Brendan Wouters, Chris Braet and Nathan Lawrence.

Mike Grey



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