

For the attention of THE FIA COUNCIL



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Next generation IT infrastructures

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Our Reference: MG/MG/4508
Your Reference:

REPORT FOR FIA COUNCIL MEETING 9th DECEMBER 2004

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

From last meeting

- Start work on next Newsletter - **deferred**
- Change format of Newsletter - **deferred**
- Liaise PL re AIS proposal re launch at AGM - **ongoing**
- Update Splicing guide - **completed**
- Article on FIA docs on open area of new web site - **ongoing**
- Update NCN article - **completed**
- Work with PL re AIS scheme requirements and documentation - **ongoing**
- Update FIA slide re FIA qualification - **awaiting input**

From previous meeting

- Proceed with PL - AIS proposal - **ongoing**
- Work with project team once PB has put fusion splicer spreadsheet on web-site - **ongoing**
- Pending re- web-site decisions
 - *Put all FIA P. releases on web-site* - **completed**
 - *Keep Council informed re new web-site hosts* - **ongoing**
- Complete Training & Qualifications area on the web site - **underway (Issue 12 on web-site)**

FINANCIAL

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts for 2003-2004 have been circulated. As per the last report for the October meeting, our internal accounts showed a loss YTD of £7108. The final loss figure was £9658. The difference was auditors fees of £1950, as predicted, and a reduction in sales of £600 due to retrospective membership cancellation in October 2004.

I have no hesitation in accepting the content of the audited accounts

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER

The accounts for October have been circulated. The P/L YTD shows a profit of £2363 (cf. £5211 last year). The difference between this year and last is a cost of £1700 against Seminars and £1000 against the Training and Qualifications Initiative.

Liquidity is £18978 cf. £30887 last year.

Annual membership fee income has fallen by almost £6000 since its peak in October last year and we must be concerned with the trend of increasing costs without balancing income. There may be a need to undertake some belt-tightening in the coming months. I would therefore propose that the two major areas of current expenditure prepare a budget for the coming year in order that a financial determination can be made. These are:

- the training and qualification scheme
- standards activities.

WEB-SITE REPORT

The FIA now owns fia-online.org and fia-online.co.uk. No comments have been received from Council members re- the new web-site pages. The database element is now operational and due for completion this month.

TECHNICAL REPORT

TECHNICAL SUPPORT GUIDES

An amendment has been made to "TSD-2000-4-1-1: OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING: INSTALLATION PRACTICE: Splicing".

The next documents that are in process are:

- TSD-2000-3-2-1: OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING: ADMINISTRATION: User Guide
- TSD-2000-3-2-2: OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING: ADMINISTRATION: Cords

PRODUCT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

Samples of the mode conditioning cords have been provided to me. I have undertaken a detailed comparative test programme. The results are very encouraging and will be published before the end of this year. This report will be submitted to FIA Council and the SC25 WG3 and IEC 86B bodies working on this topic. We will soon have standards-based support for the products being developed.

NEWSLETTER

Issue 77 has been delayed due to pressure of work.

QUALIFICATIONS

SKILLMATCH

A new name was added to the list in November.

SEMINARS

NTR

ARTICLES

NCN is due to publish the FIA article in its January edition. Mike Gilmore attended the Data Center Dynamics Conference in late November and the FIA view expressed in this article is endorsed by many data centre users.

STANDARDS ACTIVITY

BSI GEL 86

NTR

BSI TCT7

Mike Gilmore has accepted the nomination to be Chairman of this Technical Committee. In doing so he cannot represent the FIA at this level and another nominee may be proposed to act on the FIA's behalf. This does not affect any other activities.

BSI TCT7/-/3

A small amendment will be made to BIP0007 in the next few weeks. This will be uploaded to the FIA web-site as soon as it is received.

BS6701:2004 has already been judged a success with BSI.

CLC TC215 WG1

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ISO/IEC JTC1 SC25

The main topic of conversation is 10GBASE-T but the new proposals for the testing of optical fibre are being circulated and will be commented by Mike Gilmore and those comments submitted to the Ixtapa meeting in January.

Mike Gilmore



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FIA Secretariat Report - Council Meeting - Thursday 9th December 2004

Actions: All actions completed from previous meeting (5th October)

Membership: At the previous meeting I reported the m/ship number of 207

Changes since then:

18/10/04	1 new Overseas Associate	Comzone South Africa
18/10/04	1 resigned Corp A	Trinet Installations formal letter please cancel)
21/10/04	1 resigned Corp A	Advanced Technology Centre (no cash)
11/11/04	1 resigned Corp C	Fujitsu (no management approval)
11/11/04	1 resigned Corp A	Lineatron (financial)
11/11/04	1 new Personal	C. McIntyre
12/11/04	1 resigned Corp A	Plexnet (MD will not authorise)
06/12/04	1 new Corp B	Megger Ltd.
06/12/04	1 resigned Personal	Nick Channon (now Corp m/ship Megger)
06/12/04	1 new Personal	J. Stubberfield

Current m/ship = 205

FIA Qualifications meeting: This was organised at the Saracens Head Hotel in Towcester on 28th October. Invites etc. were sent out on instructions of JC and LF.

AGM: All information sent to members on 5th November.

PSP: I have received an invoice from Independent Communication Solutions Ltd for the final phase of the FIA Product Sponsorship Programme - £1,500. I need Council to approve payment before sending to Margaret.

FIA Training & Qualifications Guide on the web site: I wrote to all member companies (15th November) who list Training as one of their services on the database re being included in the Guide.

Approved Training Provider: Lucid Optical Services Ltd. was accepted as an FIA approved Training Provider – Level 1 & 2 on 29th November

FIA web site – advertising: On 23rd November I wrote to all members re the new web site and the advertising possibilities.

Income achieved to date:

Site Sponsor A – sold to Mayflex - £1,500

Site Sponsor B – sold to Cablenet Trackmaster Ltd. - £1,500

Approved Training Providers page – sold to CTTS Ltd. - £175

Technical Documents: 1 sold 3/12/04 – Disposal of Waste

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