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### A warm welcome to the following NEW MEMBERS

**Corporate**

TYCO ELECTRONICS  
RE-MARK GROUP  
COMMS BUYER NETWORK LTD

Welcome back to  
ASTRO COMMUNICATIONS LTD

**Associate**

CABLE

### **FIA** Summer Seminar ... ... and members networking event

Following the success of last years event and in response to many requests for a repeat event this year, the **FIA** is pleased to announce this years event which, once again, combines a full schedule of seminars spread across two days and a mini-exhibition with the opportunity to network during the evening with a drinks reception and a 3-course dinner in a private room.

The event will be held at the Holiday Inn, Stratford on Avon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. It provides an excellent opportunity to update your knowledge, mingle with fellow **FIA** members, **FIA** Directors and enjoy Stratford and Shakespeare country - all in one go. To make a reservation, fill out the application form at the back of this Newsletter and send it to the FIA Secretariat. The event, open to all **FIA** members and their guests, represents fantastic value - the cost for both the seminar and the dinner is just £99 + VAT per person and **FIA** has also negotiated a bed and breakfast rate at the hotel of just £80 inc VAT.

See the next page for full details.

### **FIA** AGM – new Council Members

The **FIA** AGM originally planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 was finally held on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the usual location: The Saracens Head, Towcester, near Northampton.

For once we had more nominees for Council than there were available spaces. The FIA are pleased to welcome back Simon Comben who will continue his earlier work as director for MoD Liaison and Alan Bullen of Lynx Networks (see photo right) who is beginning to work on a new "infrastructure" portfolio.



We also take this opportunity to thank Edward McVeigh of CNET for standing for election but was unsuccessful on this occasion.

The Minutes of the AGM and the audited accounts for 2009-2010 are to be found on the **FIA** web-site at <http://www.fia-online.co.uk/eoverview.htm> .

## FIBREOPTIC INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

*The FIA is a Company Limited by Guarantee*

### Management Council

Paul Bateson - Chairman  
*(Optical Test and Calibration Ltd.)*  
Lee Funnell - Vice Chairman  
*(The Siemon Company)*  
John Marson - Commercial Director  
*(Twistnet Communications Ltd.)*  
Mike Gilmore - Technical Director and Treasurer  
*(The Cabling Partnership  
e-Ready Building Limited)*

### Industry Sector Directors

Paul Bateson - Test & Measurement  
John Colton - Training  
*(Lucid Optical Services Ltd.)*  
Lee Funnell - Qualifications  
Ken Jones - Installation  
*(EDS Systems (North Wales) Ltd.)*  
Phil Whitehead - Cross-media promotion  
*(ACCL)*  
Simon Comben - MoD Liaison  
*(J Brand Ltd.)*  
Alan Bullen - Infrastructure  
*(Lynx Networks plc.)*

## THE FIBROPTIC INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



### 22nd June 2011

1.00 pm	Registration and Refreshments
1.45 pm	Introduction
2.00 pm onwards	Seminar Session 1 4 x 45 minute seminars
5.30 pm	Open Forum
6.45 pm	Drinks reception
	Sponsorship opportunity available
7.45 pm	3-course dinner
	Sponsorship opportunities available

### 23rd June 2011

9.15 am onwards	Seminar Session 2 4 x 45 minute seminars
1.00 pm	Close

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As last year we are seeking sponsors for the various aspects of the event including:

- overall event;
- pre-dinner drinks reception;
- dinner;
- wine with dinner.

Members interested should contact the **FIA** Commercial Director ([commercial@fia-online.co.uk](mailto:commercial@fia-online.co.uk)) or the **FIA** Secretariat ([secretary@fia-online.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fia-online.co.uk)).

### EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

As last year, the event presents members with an opportunity to exhibit their products and services in "table-top" format. The facilities this year allow more exhibits than last year. Members interested should contact the **FIA** Secretariat ([secretary@fia-online.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fia-online.co.uk)).

## FIA Summer Seminar 2011

We are accepting registrations for the 2011 **FIA** Summer Seminar. The event is to be held over two days (22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011) at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire and includes two blocks of four techno-commercial seminars on each day - separated by a dinner and a pre-dinner drinks reception.

We found that last year, seminars with highly focussed topics (e.g. the management of asbestos and the specification/installation of fire stopping techniques) were very well received. As a result, this year we have decided to offer our members a choice from which they can register their preferences. Four of the eight seminars are to be selected in this way,

The seminar options are:

- fibre sensor technology - coming of age;
- homes: the next battleground for optical fibre?
- end-face contamination: the chickens are coming home to roost;
- FTTH - what does it mean to us?
- parallel optics - friend or foe?
- high bandwidth MMF: testing and application support;
- test cords - specification, procurement and use;
- higher, higher speed Ethernet - where next?

Alternatively, you may have another topic which you would like to have presented at the event.

To this end, we give you the opportunity to rank your top three preferences from the list above and to also submit any alternatives topics by e-mail or by completing the ranking form on page 4.

Not only are the subjects of the individual presentations going to be topical, but by attending:

- you will be able to obtain certain FIA services at substantially discounted rates (make sure you attend to see which services this applies to);
- individuals will be able to claim attendance as part of their Continuing Professional Development under the FIA Qualifications Scheme.

We know that many members will wish to attend but there are limits on total attendance and those wishing to register need to do so now using the booking form on Page 3 of this Newsletter.

**Are you an FIA member?  
Have you got any NEWS?**

This Newsletter is provided as a means of maintaining communication between and with our Members.  
Articles, product information, news items etc. are always welcome.  
Please send the information via email (jpg illustrations) to Jane Morrison via the **FIA Secretariat**

## FIA/TIAB to organise Netcoms 2011 seminars

Once again the **FIA**, as co-hosts of the **TIAB**, are to organise the complete seminar schedule for **Netcoms 2011** exhibition, to be held at the Emirates Stadium on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October 2011.



## Seminar Booking Form



### SUMMER SEMINAR and MEMBERS NETWORKING EVENT

#### BOOKING FORM: 22nd and 23rd June 2011, Holiday Inn, Stratford on Avon

Please complete the details below and fax/post/e-mail to the FIA Secretariat (details above).  
(Telephone bookings can be accepted when paying via credit card)

#### SEMINAR AND DINNER

*Please contact the FIA Secretariat to advise of special dietary requirements  
(e.g. vegetarianism, veganism. etc)*

I wish to reserve ..... places @ £118.80 (£99 + VAT) = TOTAL £ .....

#### ACCOMMODATION for the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

I wish to reserve ..... places @ £80 (£66.67 + VAT) = TOTAL £ .....

#### SEMINAR ONLY

I wish to reserve ..... places @ £90.00 (£75 + VAT) = TOTAL £ .....

NAME	Signature	Date

<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>Contact telephone</b>	

<b>COMPANY</b>	
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<b>FIA MEMBERSHIP NO</b>		
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<b>INVOICE ADDRESS</b>	
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#### Method of payment


(full payment is required with booking unless a Company Purchase Order is provided)

All bookings will be acknowledged and a VAT invoice will be issued

1	I/We enclose a cheque for £ ..... (made payable to FIA Limited)
2	<p>If paying by credit card, state: VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Debit <input type="checkbox"/> (please tick appropriate box)</p> <p>Cardholder name ..... Transaction amount £ .....</p> <p>Card Number ____/____/____/____ 3 digit Security No. ____</p> <p>Expiry date ____/____ .....and for Debit cards: Card Issue No (Solo/Switch) ..... Start date ____/____</p>

## Seminar Topic Ranking Form

Please complete the form below and send it to the **FIA** Secretariat by fax or by e-mail at [secretary@fia-online.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fia-online.co.uk).

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Ranking (number these 1, 2 or 3 - where 1 indicates most preferred)

Alternative topic
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