March: Industrial Ethernet Seminars in the UK

Communication is a key feature of every control system. In this area, several Industrial Ethernet flavors are challenging the classical fieldbuses. Users and system integrators are faced with the decision if, when and how to adopt such new technologies. The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) is addressing these topics in a seminar series that is being held in Dundee, Manchester and Reading on March 15-17, 2011.

Industrial Ethernet and in particular EtherCAT are hot topics in the world wide automation industry. The all-day seminars in the UK will look at EtherCAT and its application as well as at the competitive advantages that machine builders generate by adopting this fast yet low cost open communication technology. The seminars address users and system integrators alike, and participation is free of charge. Main speaker will be the industrial communication specialist Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the EtherCAT Technology Group, Chairman of the Interest Group CANopen and IEC Standardization expert. A detailed agenda, information regarding the venues and the online registration form can be found on the ETG website here: www.ethercat.org/2011/uk.

Dundee: Apex Dundee City Quay Hotel, Tuesday, March 15, 2011
Reading: Millenium Madejski Hotel, Thursday, March 17, 2011

EtherCAT sets new standards for real-time performance and topology flexibility, while meeting or undercutting traditional fieldbus cost levels. EtherCAT features include high precision device synchronization, cable redundancy options, and a functional safety protocol (SIL3). EtherCAT is an international standard (IEC, ISO and SEMI).

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