



BIG-EU Board of Directors Confirmed

Cooperative partnerships are success factor

Dortmund, Germany – July 7, 2008 – At the BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU) General Meeting, members unanimously voted in their Board of Directors. Each of the four Executive Board positions have been reelected for a period of two years. Volker Roehl (DeTelmmobilien) will remain President of the BIG-EU. Also reelected were Vice President Bill Swan (Honeywell/Alerton, USA), Treasurer Roger Braun (Siemens Austria AG), and Gijs de Koning (Regal Partners, NL), Director for international affairs.

Since its founding in Germany 10 years ago, the BIG-EU has developed into an international membership organisation. “Our success factor,” pointed out Advisory Board Chairman Peter Fischer (Fachhochschule Dortmund), “is the cooperative advancement of BACnet standards.” The communication standard ISO 16484-5 has enabled manufacturer independent integration of building automation.

The BIG-EU Advisory Board was expanded to include Simon Noorda (Priva, NL) and Antonio Catalano (ESAC, IT). All further seats on the high-ranking executive committee were approved: represented are the sponsors Johnson Controls (Karl Heinz Belser), Honeywell (Christian Mueller), Siemens (René Quirighetti) and DeTelmmobilien (Klaus Behrend), as well as the elected members Peter Fischer (Fachhochschule Dortmund), Karl Leber (Innovision), Dusko Lukanic-Simpson (Delta Controls), Frank Schubert (MBS), Hans Symanczik (Kieback&Peter), and Siegfried Weikmann (Planungsgruppe M&M).

Since 1998 the membership of the BIG-EU has grown from 18 to 81. President Volker Roehl summed up the success story in retrospect. The BIG-EU is especially proud of its new certification program. At light+building in Frankfurt,



Germany in April 2008, the BIG-EU presented the first 14 BACnet certified products, which were tested with software developed in Europe.

About the BIG-EU

The BACnet Interest Group Europe e. V. (BIG-EU) promotes the application of the worldwide BACnet communication protocol ISO 16484-5 in European building automation and safety engineering. It was founded in 1998 by 18 companies dealing with building automation. Today it has more than 80 members from Czechia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, England, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Canada, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and the USA. The BIG-EU represents European interests in the worldwide development of the BACnet standard. Therefore, the BIG-EU interacts with the American BACnet Manufacturer Association (BMA) and the ASHRAE Standing Standard Project Committee SSPC 135, which is assigned by the ISO the care of the BACnet standard. The BIG-EU increases BACnet knowledge in Europe with common marketing and qualification offers. For further information see www.big-eu.org/.

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