



Unlimited data exchange between manufacturers in building services: participants from the USA, India and all over Europe traveled to Saarbrücken for the Plugfest hosted by the BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU). The communication tests between the devices of the latest generation show that they are also practical in combined use. (Photo: Diersch)

Broad Participation in the BACnet Plugfest

Dortmund Germany, June 1st, 2011 – The manufacturers of automation products for building services tested the interoperability of their BACnet products on May 11th-13th. 21 companies from Europe, the USA and India were represented with 44 participants. It was the fifth Plugfest for the BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU). It was hosted by the Competence Center for Information and Communications Technology of the Saarland Chamber Crafts in Saarbrücken.

"As the leading European BACnet organization, we are pleased with the broad participation which also provides functionally reliable networks with the new generations of devices," said BIG-EU Advisory Board member Frank Schubert at the opening. The Plugfest was an open event by the BIG-EU, in which non-members participated for the first time. It offered the rare



opportunity to network the products of different manufacturers in small alternating teams and test their communication behavior.

The 5th BIG-EU Plugfest underscores the effort by the industry to facilitate vendor-independent systems with its growing portfolio of products for building automation. They are an essential prerequisite for energy and cost-efficient supply systems in homes and buildings. The Plugfest makes the application of the BACnet standard (ISO 16484-5) even more reliable in practice – an effort that is worth it. Networking systems with BACnet is that much easier when equipping industrial and office buildings as well as hotels, hospitals, sports arenas, train stations and airports.

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 90 members from Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA. Goals of the BIG-EU include representing European interests in the development of BACnet standards and the exchange of information with the permanent BACnet committee SSPC 135 of ASHRAE and with the American BACnet Manufacturer Association (BMA). Additional goals include common marketing, qualification offers and the collective formulation of technical guidelines. For further information please visit: www.big-eu.org.

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