



## Digital communication in buildings

### Supplier-independent BACnet Forum on 8th February in Milan

Milan/Dortmund, 20.12.2006. - for the first independent BACnet user forum of Italy representatives of the building, installation and real estate industries as well as the manufacturers of building automation and control engineering meet in Milan. Within the scope of the Livinluce Fair the BACnet Forum takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2007. Owners, operators and planners will report on the increasing use of the BACnet standard. They present particularly economic examples of Italian BACnet projects. BACnet is the only communication protocol for the automation and management level, which was taken up as ISO EN 16484-5 to the world standard for building automation. In co-operation with ESAC in Collegno, the BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU) is assists with BACnet knowledge in Italy. Information and registration:

[www.bacnetforum.org](http://www.bacnetforum.org), Tel. +49 231 56777269.

The forum with the title "BACnet on the move - efficient building automation in Italy" shows application practice today, and in addition, the future development of the standard. It introduces to utilisation, potential and economy of BACnet and provides the basis for decisions for the correct standard.

BACnet systems are programmed for the future. They function supplier-independently, they integrate into existing network structures and can be integrated into the building management system from more than just the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The standard systematically promotes the integration of all devices and benefits from the synergy effects of utilisation: Costs and energy conservation, security and flexibility. Thus standardisation and integration create an increase in value, which is convincing ever more investors.

#### **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 65 members from Belgium, Germany, England, Finland, France, 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/](http://www.big-eu.org/).

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