



FF-EUC Aus Inc CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2003-2004

The FFEUC-Aus Inc has had another very successful, productive year and is in a sound financial position. This is owing to the sterling work of a very hard working and dedicated committee. I am privileged to have a team such as this to work on meeting our tasks and targets.

The sad aspect to the year was the tragic loss of a wonderful committee member Paul Davies. Paul was a very active member from the inception of the FFEUC-Aus and always was there in the background happily taking on any tasks that he was given. He has been really missed by us all.

I would like to thank all the committee members who have contributed their time and effort to the FFEUC and in particular the following;

- Tiong Lim our secretary who always has a smile for us all when the pressure is on. Lim has been a 'rock' that we have all leaned on for support.
- Allen Tighe who has taken on the training portfolio along with the Chairing of the Jump Aboard 2004 subcommittee- a great job Allen.
- Duncan Turner, our treasurer who has undertaken that task along with the role of reviewing the JA2004 papers - A sterling effort.
- David Edge is another member who picks up any job- thanks David.
- Kevin Barnes, our "Mr Happy" gives us valued contribution all the time, again taking on lots of tasks for us.
- We would also like to thank the representatives from Honeywell, Krohne and Emerson who have also attended our meetings and contributed to the FF-EUC.

ACTIVITIES

TECHNICAL MEETINGS

The technical meetings schedule for the past year has been minimal, mainly because of the amount of effort on other activities. Our aim is to resurrect these meetings over the next year with an initial focus being on the new FF Engineering Guide.

TRAINING

A major focus has been on the provision of training kits to provide "hands on" training at a basic configuration level. We have utilized donated equipment from PR Electronics, MTL, SMAR, Relcom and ABB for these kits. Additionally we purchased SMAR host equipment and some secondhand laptops to provide three kits. Allen Tighe has worked tirelessly to build the kits and prepare a course. These kits are really small and portable and utilize a temperature control loop. This training is planned to be available by the end of the year. I thank Allen for all his work and the companies who have donated equipment.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Unfortunately there has been a turnover of staff at CCI which resulted in the CoE label being removed from the CCI Training Centre. We are still keen that the apprentices are subjected to FF training and exposure and have had several visits with the focal points

in the organization. The FF loops have fallen into disrepair and need work to re-commission them. We have offered our help in this regard and will await CCI requests in this regard.

We are continuously exploring other options and have had discussions with the Australian Oil and Gas Industry Training Centre which is a new facility being built in Henderson.

JUMP ABOARD

Jump Aboard 2004 is promising to be the best ever, thanks to sterling work by the subcommittee comprising Allen Tighe, Tiong Lim, Duncan Turner, Kevin Barnes, David Edge and of course our Canadian connection Ian Verhappen. Thanks again to all for the tremendous job that they have all done. Also I must thank our Gold Sponsor Honeywell (Harvey Rough/ Brian van Bueren) for all their help. Additionally our silver sponsors of MTL, P&F and Yokogawa must be thanked for their support.

I would like to stress that it is all this voluntary effort in the "FF Engine Room" which provides the FFEUC-Aus Inc with its financial resources necessary to run the organization. Every cent earned from the Jump Aboard events is ploughed back into FF education, promotion and in effect to you, our members, with heavily subsidized seminars.

WEBSITE

We have developed a new website, again with great work from Allen Tighe. The address is www.fieldbus.org.au . This site is linked to the International FF site www.fieldbus.org

NEWSLETTER

We have been producing regular newsletters which have been well received.

PUBLICITY

Several articles have appeared in PACE and Hydrocarbon Asia.

EASTERN STATES

This is still an area of concern, in that we cannot seem to get things up and going in the Eastern States. We need to find committed individuals in those areas and fund subcommittees to get things going. Finding these "champions" is really hard.

FF-EUAC

Tiong Lim attended the last FF-EUAC meeting on my behalf in February. We were very active in assisting with the development of the Engineering Guide and thank Allen Tighe and Ambrose Hargen for their help in this regard. Also thanks to Duncan Turner for his work on Fieldbus documentation standards and Lim for the input into the EDDL development team.

PLANNING FOR 2004-2005

TRAINING- Hands On configuration to be in place by the end of the year with the Fieldbus Intermediate Design & Configuration course (HSE / OPC / HMI) being prepared for Q3 next year.

WEBSITE – Further develop the website into a very useful FF resource.

TECHNICAL MEETINGS – Have 4 technical meetings at a minimum – explain the AG-181 guide.

EASTERN STATES- To develop an EUC subcommittee in Victoria

JUMP ABOARD 2005- After two years of disappointing numbers in the Eastern States it is unlikely that we will contemplate a seminar there in 2005. In an effort to “freshen up” the concept a brainstorm session will be conducted. We may consider a Saturday seminar in Perth to try to capture those elusive contractors!

Jim Russell

Chair FFEUC-Aus Inc

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