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May 2007 Update

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1 Our Next Meeting - May 2007

Date: Tuesday - May 29, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM - Dinner (Cash Bar & Dinner)
7:00 PM - ISA Hamilton Section - **Annual General Meeting** (See Item 3 Below)
7:15 PM - Technical Presentation

Venue: **Pinetree Restaurant** - 397 Centennial Parkway North - Hamilton

[Follow this link for a map and directions to the Pinetree Restaurant.](#)

Dinner cost is \$5 for ISA Members and \$15 for non-members.

Please be sure to confirm your dinner attendance!!

Reserve your space for dinner and confirm your attendance via:

- Submitting the online [Attendance Confirmation form](#) -or-
- E-Mail message to [Jack Vincent](#) -or-
- Telefax sent to the attention of Jack Vincent - (519) 304-0488 -or-
- Telephone Jack Vincent - (519) 304-0489

Subject: The Return of the Age of the Generalist

One of the key purposes of society is to organize people's skills and abilities such that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. As societies grow, they present the opportunity for narrower and narrower specialization. This caused Konrad Lorenz to quip "The specialist knows more and more about less and less and finally knows everything about nothing."

Throughout the 20th century, specialization was the key to success in business as well as technology. Yet as we begin the new millennium we are increasingly confronted with evidence that a collection of specialists often does not make the best overall decisions. What is often missing is the "S" from ISA - a focus on the whole system.



In past presentations for ISA Hamilton, Randy Park has helped us understand and improve our thinking and decision making processes - what he calls Thinking for Results. In May, Randy will discuss the next, deeper level of thinking which will be required for personal, business, and societal success in the future.

Beyond simply gathering relevant information and making a decision -

something that can be a challenge in itself - the new level of thinking that is required constantly looks for new information in ever widening circles. The foundation is self awareness and systems thinking, the tactics include critical thinking and scenario exploration. But the emphasis is not on finding the minimum number of important parameters to include, but the maximum. One of the critical characteristics of the next generation thinker is to gather information outside of their specialty - in essence, to be more of a generalist. From simple family problems to the issues facing our societies globally, the "Law of Unintended Consequences" seems to crop up more and more frequently. If we focus on our own narrow situation, it is easy to ignore the complex interrelationships of today - at our peril. Through anecdotes, examples, and exercises Randy will guide you to a deeper level of thinking and provide concepts and tools you can use in your life. Practical as well as thought provoking, this is a session you don't want to miss.

Randy appears at ISA Hamilton through the generous sponsorship of [Professional Project Services](#) and [Sage Metering Inc.](#) They have also kindly arranged for all attendees to receive an autographed copy of Randy's book "Thinking for Results."

Speaker: Randy Park B.Sc., M.Eng.

Randy works with organizations to tackle unrecognized obstacles and promote long term success. With "Thinking for Results" he has worked with corporations and associations to deliver Better Decisions, Faster Solutions, and Fewer Mistakes. His approaches are rooted in his technology background where for over a decade he designed world leading test equipment. It was at that time he realized that many problems - both technological and people related - arise when we don't understand our thinking processes and our own thinking strengths and traps. Through entertaining yet powerful exercises, examples, and stories, Randy helps his audiences think about thinking - and improve their decision making, problem solving, creative thinking, strategic planning, and interpersonal communications. Randy is a member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS) and the International Federation for Professional Speakers.

For more information about Randy Park, Randy's schedule and/or his presentations.... Please visit the [Thinking For Results](http://www.ThinkingforResults.com) web site at <http://www.ThinkingforResults.com>

2 [Golf Tournament - May 2007](#)

SOLD OUT

Date: Friday - May 25, 2007

Venue: [Chippewa Club Club](#) (Chippewa Road - Mount Hope)

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon) - Shotgun Start

Cost: \$95 per Person

Corporate Sponsorships are available

\$ 100.00 when purchased separately

\$ 70.00 as part of a corporate foursome package price of \$450.00



The Golf Tournament has been completely sold out. 160 Golfers have signed-up. If you'd like to be part of this great event, please contact Bob Popek and we'll put you on on a wait-list; availability would be subject to any last-minute cancellations. [Additional information and details](#) are available on our web site. Be sure to visit our [Golf Tournament web page](#) for the most up to date information.

Have some questions? Need more information?

Please contact Bob Popek via e-mail (bob_popek@dofasco.ca) or via phone (905 548 4204)

3 Elections - 2007/2008 Season Executive Board

As part of our Annual General Meeting on May 29, 2007 (*See Item 1 Above*), we will elect and confirm the new Executive Board for our ISA Hamilton Section. Please be sure to join us on Tuesday evening (May 29, 2007) for our last formal membership meeting of the 2006/2007 season, and help us in welcoming next season's Executive Board. The nominations are as follows:



President - Jack Vincent; **Vice-President** - Berny Portolesi; **Treasurer** - Alice Kelly; **Secretary** - Jerry Gelata; **Membership** - Sunil Karandikar; **Standards & Practices** - Glen Taylor; **Marketing & Advertising** - Ashok Saha; **Webmaster** - Wally Nickel; **Program** - To Be Advised; **Honours & Awards** - Michael Bovenkamp; **Exhibition** - Alice Kelly; **Golf Tournament** - Bob Popek; **Historian** - Kenneth Hamilton; **Newsletter** - Len Marchesano; **Education** - Berny Portolesi; **Past-President** - Jerry Gelata

4 Welcome to our Newest Members



Please join us in welcoming our ISA Hamilton Section's newest members:

Aaron M. Colburne, Jeff A. Den Bak, Csaba Charles Feresi,
Vishal Gandhi, Marius Gligor, Michael R. Kotar,
Gurtej Singh Mann, Ketan D. Patel, Narendra Singh Sachdev,
Derek A. Sherk, Jason Bernard St-Denis, Vahid Tabrizi,
Joe Valente, Robert S. Walks, Jonathan W. Wood

WELCOME ABOARD

5 Standards & Practices News

The ISA Hamilton Section Standards and Practices committee is pleased to provide the following update and news concerning ISA S&P activities:

(1) The ISA-SP100.11a working group has announced the scope and system architecture for Release 1 of the proposed standard. This release will address **non-critical class 1 to class 5 applications using 2.4 GHz 802.15.4 -2006 radios**. The draft is expected to be completed by Oct 2007.

(2) ISA-75.08.01, ISA-75.08.05, ISA-75.08.06 (**face to face dimensions for various globe-style control valves and bodies**) have been submitted to ANSI for reaffirmation as ANSI/ISA standards.

(3) ISA-12.12.01 has been submitted for approval as an ANSI standard. This standard provides **minimum requirements for electrical equipment** in Class I and II, Div 2 and Class III, Div 1 and 2 locations.

(4) ISA-RP77.60.05 HMI -Task analysis has been approved as a recommended practice. Other docs in this series are ISA-RP77.60.02-2000 HMI-Alarms and ISA-TR77.60.04-1996 HMI-Screen Displays.



The current status of all ISA standards committees can be found at the following link:

http://www.isa.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Products_and_Services/Standards2/In_Development/In_Development.htm

ISA standards reflect the consensus experience and insights of automation experts from around the world. The following summarizes standards products in development. Published documents can be seen at:

www.isa.org/standards.

6 President's Message - Spring 2007

As another year of ISA activities is nearly complete, it dawned on me what makes this organization as interesting and successful as it is; it's the people. They are the main reason that this organization is healthy, strong and will continue to be so for many years



to come. I have had the privilege to serve as the ISA Hamilton Section President for two years, and quite frankly, it has flown by. I personally have had a great couple of years, and look forward to supporting Jack Vincent in his upcoming role as President for the next two years.

I would like to point out that the ISA Hamilton Executive Team is what makes our group what it is. There is a fair amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, but as everyone pitches in and does their part, the Section continues to thrive. Everyone on our Executive Group gives some of their time, energy and effort, and in return we all benefit more than we donate. That said, our next proposed slate of Executives for the 2007 / 2008 season looks better than ever, which that means this trend is definitely continuing.

And a final thank you to all of our Members and our Corporate sponsors who continue to attend our meetings and support our events. Without you, ISA and the Hamilton Section would not be what it is today.

Sincerely

Jerry Gelata

ISA Hamilton Section - President

7 Your Subscription & Privacy



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