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INCOSE UK Celebrating 20 years

2014 is the 20th anniversary of the foundation of INCOSE UK, the UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE). During this year we will be celebrating past achievements, recognizing the volunteer effort on which we depend, and looking forward to the future. We are working on a number of exciting projects to mark this achievement which we will publicize soon.

In 1994, around 35 Systems Engineers met in the Lefroy lecture theatre at Shrivenham and decided to form the first Chapter of NCOSE (the US National Council on Systems Engineering) to be established outside North America. In doing so we put the 'I' into INCOSE, and became the model for national chapters throughout the world.

The last twenty years have seen the UK Chapter mature and become influential both within INCOSE and in the UK. Our UK members have held key leadership positions within INCOSE, including President, Technical Director and Treasurer, and regularly lead in international working groups and initiatives. At a national level the INCOSE SE competencies framework is now the *de facto* standard for developing systems engineering capability in the UK.

The INCOSE UK Advisory Board (UKAB) which has 33 corporate members from some of the UK's leading Government, Industry and Academic organisations has assisted in the development of Strategy and in ensuring we have developed professional services and technical products which benefit our 800 plus members.

Our memorandum of understanding with the IET and our Professional Affiliate status with The Engineering Council in recent years means we have become the first-choice professional body for Systems Engineering, and has assisted a growing number of individuals to become Chartered and Incorporated Engineers. Over the coming months we will be developing our professional development services further by offering Systems Engineering Certification within the UK.

Over the last 20 years INCOSE UK has developed a series of technical publications that have helped to demystify the world of Systems Engineering, in particular the working on the Systems Engineering Competencies Framework, (the creation of which was led by the UKAB and has been used by many leading UK organisations), and our Z Guide series.

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Notes to Editors

INCOSE UK

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), with over 800 individual and 33 corporate members, exists primarily to serve UK-specific needs and is a key chapter within INCOSE. It has strong links with other UK institutions and it plays a prominent role in both the domestic and the international scenes. It holds one or two conferences each year, has active regional, working and special interest groups and publishes a variety of guides and other products tailored for UK members. Despite its focus on UK-specific needs, the UK Chapter attracts members from territories around the globe.

The 'flavour' of systems engineering most prevalent in the UK has developed into an open and inclusive practice that facilitates the application of systems thinking and systems engineering principles in domains outside of the traditional domains of defence and aerospace. In recent years the membership of INCOSE UK has widened significantly from its roots, expanding to include domains such as transportation - particularly rail - energy, civil engineering, space, medicine, and security. For more information, visit www.incoseonline.org.uk.