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## INCOSE UK NEWS

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### News from the INCOSE UK Council

The Council has decided to produce an Annual Report based on the content of the AGM. The Council feels that members who had been unable to attend the AGM may find a report more useful than looking at the slides from the meeting.

To view the Annual Report [Click Here](#).

### BMT Hi-Q Sigma join the UKAB

The INCOSE UK President, Doug Cowper, is delighted to welcome BMT Hi-Q Sigma as a new member of the INCOSE UK Advisory Board (UKAB).

### INCOSE UK One Day Event - "Railway Systems Engineering in a Tough Economic Climate" Tuesday 22 June 2010



In the current economic climate, we all have to find ways of doing more for less. The organisations that we work for are looking for value from all of the activities they spend time and money on. Railway Systems Engineering is no exception: it must contribute to these goals and show that it is doing so while constantly improving its own practices. This workshop will:

- explore some of the reasons to suggest that Systems Engineering is an indispensable component of the future of rail;
- review case studies where Systems Engineering has delivered tangible business benefits, and then
- look at how we are learning to do Systems Engineering more efficiently and effectively.

**Registration is open now** – to register visit [www.incoseonline.org.uk](http://www.incoseonline.org.uk)

### Scottish Local Group – A System for people

The next Scottish Local Group meeting is taking place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Edinburgh University. The guest speaker is David Fraser, who has a track record of pioneering new approaches to old problems. He has delivered major projects for government and private sector clients in complex and challenging situations and set up a number of entrepreneurial ventures. David has taken a particular interest in the skills we use to relate to other people, continuing this study over a number of years and through the highs and lows of professional and personal life.

David will present: "System engineer's formula for avoiding crippling mistakes and delivering success: in relationships at work and elsewhere".

Suppose there is a formula for relating to people: What would it look like? So much depends on our ability to get on with other people. With the right approach, developing the skills we use in all our relationships is an easy route to success and one of the few reliable and enduring ways we can improve our lives. Drawing on practical psychology, Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) and experience of family life, social situations and the workplace at all levels, David Fraser has taken a system engineer’s perspective to offer a systematic, practical and intelligent approach to achieving success with other people in complex organisational situations, and also at home and elsewhere.

The tools are out there to illuminate our dealings with other people. We just need to pick them up and use them. This event is for anyone who wants to improve their relationships and to have the confidence that comes from knowing they have the skills they need. Why go about in the dark when you can switch on the lights?

It is free to attend the event but please register , for more information visit [the Scottish Local Groups Event Page](#)

## “My Interests”

Many of you will be aware that in the “My Home” area of [www.incoseonline.org.uk](http://www.incoseonline.org.uk) there is a menu option called “My Interests”

This is the area where you can request to join, INCOSE UK Local Interest and Working Groups (see below). To join, you have to register your interest in a group and await acknowledgment of your request from the group administrator. Once this has happened you will be placed on the mailing list for that group.

More interests and groups will be added as and when it becomes appropriate.

### Local Interest Groups

Please use this area to choose your local groups.

Group	Register Interest	Status
Bristol Local Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
London Local Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Midlands Local Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scottish Local Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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### Working Groups

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Architecture Working Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Capability Working Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
In Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Railway Interest Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accepted by Group Admin on 14/05/2010.
Technology Life Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Systems Engineering Competencies WG	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If you go into the Groups area of the website, you will find that each group has a membership listing and group administrators .

## Membership Renewal

Most of INCOSE Members are due to renew their membership during June and July and so will receive an individual email renewal notice shortly. However, to help ensure you do not miss the renewal notice we are applying the sound engineering practice of "belt and braces" by including the message here as well:

Your INCOSE membership expires shortly. We hope that you have found your membership valuable and would ask you to take steps NOW to renew your membership.

There three ways to pay for your membership: by cheque, by Credit or Debit Card, or by Direct Debit.

You can pay online using our secure on-line payment system by visiting <http://www.incoseonline.org.uk> then selecting Membership from the main menu and Membership Renewal from the left-hand menu and follow the step-by-step process to renew.

You can save time and money every year if you pay by Direct Debit\*; simply select the Direct Debit option in the online renewal process, print the DD form, complete it and return to INCOSE UK Secretariat at the address below.

\*You benefit from the lower processing costs by getting your annual membership for £68, a £4 reduction.

Once in place, the Direct Debit will be activated each year unless you wish to cancel your membership. We will write and remind you that it is about to be taken. If neither of these options appeals to you please check your [membership details on-line](#) and then send a cheque for the full amount to:

INCOSE UK Secretariat.  
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Somerset  
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Please note that as of 1 January 2010 INCOSE increased the cost for hard copy publications. The new prices are - SE Journal (£30 for members, £95 seniors) and Insight (£14).

Remember that INCOSE UK fees are accepted by HM Revenue & Customs for tax relief!

If you have any queries about this process please contact the [INCOSE UK Secretariat](#).

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## EVENTS DIARY

### Future Events

Date/Time	Organisation & Location	Description
8 June 6 – 8pm	<b>Scottish Local Group</b> Edinburgh University Business School Bristo Square Lecture Theatre 3:	<b>"A System for people"</b> David will present: "System engineer's formula for avoiding crippling mistakes and delivering success: in relationships at work and elsewhere".
22 June All Day	<b>UK Chapter</b>  No.4 Hamilton Place London W1J 7BQ United Kingdom	<b>2nd Railway Systems Engineering Workshop 'Railway Systems Engineering in a Tough Economic Climate'</b> As funding for large-scale projects becomes tighter, there is a danger that the effort spent of systems engineering activities will be reduced. Systems engineers know that better systems engineering is needed if rail projects are to deliver more for less. This year's INCOSE RIG one-day workshop will share experiences and best practice in the application of systems engineering to rail projects, with particular emphasis on the benefits of systems engineering during tough economic times.  The workshop is a forum for networking and exchanging knowledge and latest developments in the area of railway systems engineering. The workshop will include invited addresses from senior policy makers and technical experts.
22-24 June Full Days	<b>INCOSE Associates</b>  Loughborough University UK	<b>5th IEEE International Conference on System of Systems Engineering (SoSE)</b> IEEE SMC Society announces the 5th International Conference on System of Systems Engineering (SoSE) with its vast ramifications in numerous engineering fields such as control, computing, communication, information technology and the applications to manufacturing, defense, national and homeland security, aerospace, aeronautics, energy, environment, transport.. <a href="http://www.ieesose2010.org">www.ieesose2010.org</a>
11-15 July Full Days	<b>INCOSE International</b> Chicago, IL USA	<b>20th Annual INCOSE International Symposium</b> Early Bird registration rates end May 31, 2010! For more information visit <a href="http://www.incose.org/symp2010/">http://www.incose.org/symp2010/</a>
14 July 6.30pm	<b>Bristol Local Group</b> Room 3D06 on the University of the West of England (UWE), Frenchay Campus, Bristol	<b>Safer, More Secure and Easier To Use</b> In the modern world there seems to be a goal to make things safer, more secure, and easier to use. You can (and probably will) argue that safety can be taken to straightjacket proportions, having more passwords does not make for more security, and that usability does not mean making every electronic interface look like an iPod – in which case you'll be more than welcome to attend this event! The plan for the evening is to investigate the interaction between systems engineering and the safety, security and human factors domains to better understand what they can (or at least should) do for each other, and where there are underlying tensions.

For more details visit the events page at [www.incoseonline.org.uk](http://www.incoseonline.org.uk)

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