



INCOSE UK and the IET join forces with 7 of the UK's leading organisations to develop career pathways in Systems Engineering

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE UK) and the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) joined forces with seven of the UK's leading technology and engineering organisations to launch a joint initiative to provide new options for those wishing to develop their career pathways in Systems Engineering.

The 1st Movers initiative builds upon the agreement signed last year between INCOSE UK and The IET which established a new collaborative partnership route to Professional Registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng) for those people whose professional home is INCOSE. The services provided by the IET, under the terms of the joint agreement, are aligned with the IET's strategic objectives to provide Professional Registration services to other professional institutions who do not have a licence to award Registration through the Engineering Council (EC).

Ian Presland, Professional Development Director for INCOSE UK commented: "In the current economic climate, both employers and employees need to stand out from the competition. Professional Registration through The IET, together with INCOSE's own Systems Engineering Certification programme provide visible indicators of an individual's experience and competence, and can be important tools for organisations like those involved in this initiative to ensure that their Systems Engineers have the right skills and knowledge to deliver complex engineering programmes effectively."

Alan Harding, BAE Systems Engineering Process Manager added "Systems Engineering is critical to companies like BAE Systems and the others here today. This initiative is a valuable step towards developing and retaining the top class engineers we all need".

Michelle Richmond, IET Director of Membership and Professional Development, commented "The IET is delighted to be working in partnership with INCOSE UK and providing paths for professionalism for System Engineers through Chartered Engineering Registration"

One of the keenly debated topics during the day was that of Continuing Professional Development (CPD). 1st Movers attendees saw particular value in this for Systems Engineers, since more often than not, those currently practicing Systems Engineering would have started their career in another discipline. The availability of high quality CPD was seen as hugely beneficial in ensuring that Systems Engineers are able to continue to develop their skills in order to deliver projects and systems effectively.

As well as providing a valuable forum for sharing best practice in the development of Systems Engineers, 1st Movers will offer support to participating organisations when they nominate candidates for Professional Registration through The IET. The IET provide full support from the IET's Registration team and access to Professional Registration Advisors to assist a candidates with their Registration application.



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The initiative, which was announced on 7th June 2012 at The IET's Savoy Place offices in London, is supported by a number of major employers in the UK including ATKINS, BAE SYSTEMS, General Dynamics UK, Purple Secure Systems, QinetiQ, Thales UK and Ultra Electronics.

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Note to Editors:

The IET

The IET is one of the world's leading professional societies for the engineering and technology community, with more than 150,000 members in 127 countries and offices in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. The IET provides a global knowledge network to facilitate the exchange of ideas and promote the positive role of science, engineering and technology in the world. For more information, visit www.theiet.org.

INCOSE UK

With around 700 individual and 28 corporate members, INCOSE UK is the second largest chapter in the world. Although it plays a prominent role on the international scene, it exists primarily to serve the special needs of UK members. Like INCOSE international, 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.

INCOSE

The International Council of Systems Engineering (INCOSE) is a not-for-profit membership organisation founded to develop and disseminate the interdisciplinary principles and practices that enable the realisation of successful systems. INCOSE has grown significantly since its formation in 1990. For more information, visit www.incose.org.

The Engineering Council

The Engineering Council is the UK regulatory body for the engineering profession. They hold the national registers of 235,000 Engineering Technicians (EngTech), Information and Communications Technology Technicians (ICTTech), Incorporated Engineers (IEng) and Chartered Engineers (CEng). For more information, visit <http://www.engc.org.uk/>.