

## **18 INCOSE UK Members receive their Chartered Engineer status through a new agreement recognising Systems Engineers' professional experience.**

We are pleased to announce that the first group of INCOSE UK systems engineers has been professionally registered as Chartered Engineers (CEng) through the agreement signed between INCOSE UK and the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011.

Since then INCOSE UK and the IET have been working with seven of the UK's leading technology and engineering organisations, who become known as the "1<sup>st</sup> Movers in Systems Engineering Professional Pathways". The organisations are: Ultra Electronics, General Dynamics UK, QinetiQ, ATKINS, BAE Systems, Purple Secure Systems, and Thales.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Movers' nominated candidates for Professional Registration through INCOSE UK and The IET route as a pilot cohort, enabling us to test that the mechanisms put in place delivered the support required to INCOSE UK members wishing to become professionally registered.

The result has been that 18 individuals have already been awarded Chartered Engineer status, with registration certificates being presented at INCOSE UK's Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Ian Presland, Professional Development Director for INCOSE UK commented "This initiative has been a fantastic success, raising awareness of the new route to Professional Registration offered by INCOSE UK together with the IET. Apart from the cost benefits to individuals, it is clear that Systems Engineers appreciate the chance to have their Systems Engineering professional experience formally recognised through the scheme."

Michelle Richmond, IET Director of Membership and Professional Development, said: "We are delighted to be working with INCOSE UK to offer its members a cost-effective route to Professional Registration."

David Hogan, Deputy CEO at the Engineering Council, said "This is a great example of collaboration between a Licensed Professional Engineering Institution (The IET), a Professional Affiliate (INCOSE UK), and seven Industry partners. Many congratulations to the 18 newly registered engineers."

Approaching 20 more individuals continue to be supported through the process towards registration by INCOSE UK and the IET.

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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](http://www.theiet.org).

**The Engineering Council**

The Engineering Council is the UK regulatory body for the engineering profession. It holds the national registers of 235,000 Engineering Technicians (EngTech), Incorporated Engineers (IEng), Chartered Engineers (CEng) and ICT Technicians (ICTTech), It also sets and maintains the internationally recognised standards of competence and ethics that govern the award and retention of these titles. By this means it is able to ensure that employers, government and wider society – both at home and overseas – can have confidence in the skills and commitment of registrants. For more information, visit [www.engc.org.uk](http://www.engc.org.uk)

**INCOSE UK**

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), with around 700 individual and 32 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](http://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](http://www.incose.org) .