

CC-Link plans major board member announcement at SPS/IPC/Drives fair

CC-Link continues to strengthen its position as a leading global open automation network technology by announcing the appointment of another major global corporation to its board of directors.

Once again, the CC-Link Partner Association (CLPA) will take its place with other leaders of automation technology in Hall 2, stand 2-540 at Nuremberg's SPS/IPC/Drives fair from November 25th-27th 2014. One of the main announcements this year is the addition of another major global corporation to the CLPA board of directors. The new member, who will be announced at the fair, joins the existing 8 members who include worldwide names such as Mitsubishi Electric, Cognex, 3M and Balluff. Together these companies decide the global strategy for CLPA that is implemented by its worldwide network of offices.

Another key message being delivered at the fair is how CC-Link IE, the world's only open gigabit Ethernet for automation, helps to deliver solutions for Industry 4.0. The CLPA foresaw this new industry initiative when CC-Link IE was first announced in 2007, and has continued to strengthen this industry leading technology ever since. Independent market research has indicated that CC-Link IE is the fastest growing Ethernet based open network technology, and the recent IEC 61158/61784 certification for CC-Link IE Field will further strengthen its position.

It's been one year since the CLPA announced its successful "Gateway to Asia" (G2A) programme at SPS 2013, and currently 26 well known CLPA partners are involved in the programme. Visitors to the CLPA stand can learn how the G2A programme can also help their business in Asia with a comprehensive package of development and marketing benefits when they join the CLPA and develop a product.

Key to developing a product are providers of the right solutions for implementation. CLPA will also highlight key solutions from industry leaders and CLPA partners such as Hilscher, HMS and Renesas for cost effective, familiar implementation of CC-Link and CC-Link IE in a wide variety of automation products. Finally, ultimately any network has to offer solutions for a wide variety of industries. CLPA will demonstrate sample solutions for different industries at the fair, showing how different partner products combine to form a solution for your industry.

CLPA Europe General Manager, John Browett, summarizes; "CC-Link, CC-Link IE and the CLPA continue to grow stronger year by year. We now have over 2,100 partners worldwide and more than 1,300 products available from over 280 companies. The addition of our new board member will also demonstrate to the market how CC-Link is continuing to attract the support of major global corporations who understand the significance of CC-Link to their business as they continue to expand their operations worldwide. We are hoping that visitors to the fair will make it to Hall 2 and see how CC-Link can help their business."

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About the CLPA

The CC-Link Partner Association (CLPA) is an international organisation with over 2,100 member companies worldwide. The partners' common objective is promotion and technical development of the family of CC-Link open network technologies. Over 1,300 certified products are now available from over 280 manufacturers. CC-Link is the leading open industrial automation network technology in Asia and is becoming increasingly popular in Europe and the Americas. The European headquarters is in Germany, with offices throughout the continent. The key details for CLPA's Gateway to Asia (G2A) can be found at the URL www.cc-link-g2a.com.

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