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- President's Letter
- Ireland meeting of 10 country's SIA members
- 2015 Summit program March 15, 16, 17, 2015 at Mirage Las Vegas.
- New Members
- Atlanta Inaugural local focus meeting
- Roundtable KL Malaysia October, Phoenix, AZ December reviewed

The Mission of SIA is to serve as a forum where every member can enhance their business and to take collective action for the betterment of the industry whenever necessary.

# Going Global: SIA Hosts Events in Ireland, Atlanta and upcoming Malaysia

Publication sent to members electronically & on website By: Claudia J.. Betzner

As the sun sets on the Liffey River in downtown Dublin, Ireland, (pictured at right) a group of 30 members from across 10 countries kicked off the SIA Europe (EMEA) roundtable with dinners downtown for those that arrived early. Now I understand why they call it the Emerald Isle: when I landed all I could see was emerald green pastures, hills and dales. The participation levels, content, discussions, and evening fun event was by far one of the best roundtables ever.



Our President Tom York and past Chairman Rich Guglielmo attended to make it a global event adding a lot of valuable dialogue. Tom's letter in this newsletter explains some of the

major work being completed by the board including the global value proposition, which he presented at the meeting. The energy level was very high with spirited discussions covering a wide range of topics. A full review is included in this newsletter. Special thanks to Tomas O'Leary and **Origina** for being the host country member and **IB Remarketing** for sponsoring the evening Irish ales, whiskeys and drinks. As the evening wore on at Johnnie's Fox Pub on top of the Dublin mountains, the highest pub in all of Ireland and over one-hundred years old, the group was treated to an old-fashioned Hooley Irish Dance show and some of the SIA members were pulled on stage to do the Irish River dance. The SIA members were such good dancers, it was hard to tell who the professional dancers were. Thank you to Alfried Netzband of Frankfurt, Germany and Vessi Guglielmo of Salzburg, Austria and Naples, Florida for adding to the evening entertainment.

SIA is pleased to announce more details of the 2015 SIA Global summit, previewed in this newsletter. This will be the 30th anniversary of SIA and the first ever global committee content-driven. In addition to a globally-driven program, we are planning another golf tournament on Sunday, March 15 before the evening's welcome reception. Presentations, panels, and roundtables start Monday morning and end at noon on Tuesday at lunch, with a grand finale dinner on Tuesday evening March 17. Perhaps a few St. Patrick's Day surprises. Anyone for a pot of gold? It would not be possible to put on such a high quality event without our sponsors, listed at the end of the program in this newsletter. SIA thanks them for their continued support. If you do not see your logo and are interested we still have opportunities.... Contact me soon before they are all gone!

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# SIA President's Letter from Tom York, President Essintial Enterprise Solutions

#### SIA Membership,

The past 90 days has continued to be an exciting and busy period for both the association and the board of directors. As a follow to my last communication, the board just reviewed and approved a revised version of our bylaws. This effort was led by board EVP, Jerry Edinger, board member, Bill McCubbins, and past Chairman, Rich Guglielmo. These gentlemen invested significant time and effort to

ensure that our bylaws allow us to govern the regulation of the association's internal affairs in today's global business environment. Thanks Jerry, Bill, and Rich!!!!

We continue our effort to enable our member data to be leveraged optimized internal to the association and externally to assist potential members to find existing member companies that could assist them. More information is forthcoming.

As indicated in this newsletter, the European meeting in Dublin was a high-energy session that, among other things, helped me understand how the association can bring further value to this region. I expect to accomplish similar results in the upcoming October meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

We piloted a local networking meeting in Atlanta, where industry companies located in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina came together. An agenda of both local and broader industry topics were presented along with time for peer to peer networking. Thus far, indications are that this kind-of localization was well received, and we are collecting feedback on how we can enhance this format further. The board's vision is to one day

enable a global platform of company to company, peer to peer, localized venues as well as with broader, region based (Americas, Europe, and Asia Pacific) venues. These would culminate in an annual global conference for companies to network and stay informed on industry relevant information locally, regionally, and globally. The power of the association is in how we can keep member companies connected and informed regardless of where they are located.

In the most recent board meeting we agreed that it is time to start an initiative to build a formal global market plan for the SIA. Clearly defining the association goals and building an image and message that demonstrate that we are "up to date, ",providing valuable industry best practices and thought leadership will be one of the most critical endeavors we will undertake.

We are building momentum and the timing is perfect for your association to escalate the game! We all win big when we all participate. Your SIA Board and I are committed to building the best association to represent the global services supply chain ecosystem. As always don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions and suggestions. Regards,

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## Atlanta Inaugural local focus meeting



44 service peers from around Georgia and on the Board discussed relevant business, industry and technology trends in the region in Georgia on September 18. The half-day meeting kicked-off with a keynote by Kerry Defler, Partner & CPA HA&W to discuss how Georgia companies can take advantage of local state and Federal initiatives to improve their bottom line. Kerry addressed federal incentives such as Research & Development Tax Credits, Domestic Production Activities Deduction, IC-DISC and Accelerated Depreciation as well as Georgia-specific incentives such as Retraining Tax Credit, Jobs Tax Credit, In-

vestment Tax Credit, Port Traffic Credit, Property Tax Exemptions and Sales Tax Exemptions. If you are a Georgia member and were unable to attend, please contact me for the presentation if interested.

The next topic Trade Restrictions and Initiatives in Georgia presented by Joe Barna, President, CDE Services and SIA Board member. Service providers around the globe are being challenged by trade restrictions imposed by OEMs. Joe discussed how some Georgia-based companies are working together to bring the issues to light with local government leaders.

The last session of the afternoon was a panel discussion led by Stephanie Williams, President ignite Marketing and Chairperson of the SIA Global Communications Committee. The panel included Joe Barna of CDE, Dave Wiedman, President, Lexicon Technologies, and Art Kohl, CFO, Team One Repair. The panel discussed trade restriction and other challenges service providers are facing, potential solutions, and how Georgia companies can help.

The afternoon ended with an open discussion followed by a networking cocktail hour.

Future local Georgia focus meetings content, timing, location and format will be determined from the survey results of the participants.

Special thanks to Stephanie Williams for her support in writing the meeting invites and conducting the survey underway.

The Board is currently reviewing other locations where local focus events might be planned in 2015. Please share your thoughts and interests.

Special thanks to the Georgia Chairs: Joe Barna and Dave Wiedman

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## **Roundtables 2014**

SIA roundtables and networking events continue to be the best in the industry. These events create an environment for networking, partnerships, and interaction that can only happen with face to face interaction. Here is the program content for the final two of 2014 with a review of Ireland.

**October 15 - 16 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia** (Special thanks to our Sponsors: Basis Bay, Solid Global and ASVIDA Asia) Each sponsor will chair a session will sponsors & TERIX on all of the panel discussions.

Regional Business Expansion Plans & Growth Markets in APAC

What are your business expansion plans for APAC, and what makes you choose that approach? How do you intend to ensure quality service without compromising the SLA?

Growth Market in APAC

Recent survey results suggest that China has the biggest growth potential for independent maintenance & professional services in the near future. Does this align with what you are seeing? Are you considering other markets? How do you plan to enter these markets?

Logistics Challenges in APAC

December 11 Scottsdale Arizona Biltmore Phoenix AZ

A transformation of a service company

Marketing 101 – What is Marketing and what does it mean for your organization?

#### Dublin, Ireland Roundtable Review

On August 28 SIA held their largest European roundtable to date with content, participation and a fun night of Irish River dancing. Tomas O'Leary, the host Ireland member from Origina, kicked off the event in

Dublin with a warm welcome. Gay Gordon-Byrne, Executive Director Digital Right To Repair, was the beginning speaker with a review of the global marketplace, size and profit motivations by the OEM's. She shared the changes, how the business models of the past are dying but how technology changes are bringing new customer types, recycling initiatives, and the vast amount of new technology products to be repaired.

Next came Leo Donovan, CEO WEEE Ireland. WEEE Ireland is Ireland's largest Electrical and Battery compliance scheme organizing the environmental management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and waste Batteries on behalf of its members. WEEE Advises and assist the Irish Government as appropriate. In the past this has included submissions on the Producer Responsibility Initiative Review Report, National Waste Prevention Plan Review Report, WEEE Regulations Consultation Report, National Waste Strategy Review Submission. The afternoon included a panel discussion with the Board from Free ICT and DRTR. The discussion was the progress of both organizations and their respective goals going forward.

Tom York, President of SIA ended the day with a discussion on the SIA Value Proposition that included results from a committee and several members from all over Europe over the past few months. He discussed the new Board structure in SIA that will include a global board made up of members from EMEA, The Americas and APAC. He asks for a volunteer leader to organize the election and head nominating committee. Alfried Netzband of Technogroup in Germany volunteered to head the efforts with Tomas O'Leary volunteering for UK/Ireland.

The group voted on the location for next year's EMEA SIA Roundtable and since there were two countries that offered to host, Germany and France each gave a talk on why it should be in their country. The vote results named Germany as the location at the Technogroup headquarters in Frankfurt Germany planned for September. After the meeting, the evening included a dinner and show at a 100-year old pub on top of the Dublin Mountains, the highest elevation pub in all of Ireland. At the end of the show the Irish dancers pulled members from the SIA to dance on stage.



Ireland Roundtable review; content program details for KL Malaysia and Phoenix AZ

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# " Building on the future in a smaller connected world"

Sunday March 15 Welcome Reception

## Monday, March 16—Strategic

**Continental Breakfast** 

Welcome – Tom York, President SIA—Board election results

Claudia Betzner, SIA Exec. Dir. & Summit Chair

Keynote—A noted Industry Leader announced soon "Building on the future in a smaller connected world"

## Introducing

|            | DATA John A. Thompson, Founder & Managing Director                                     |
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| SIA Info   | ormation Professionals GmbH  |
| Summit Cha | airperson: Bernd Appleby, President, TERiX   |
| Leari      | n how to implement BIG DATA in your company from an expert, what makes difference,     |
|            | ctive analytics, how service companies take advantage of it, how to use it, what are   |
|            | , how do you get started. Follow on panel discussion led by Bernd Appleby after lunch. |
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## **BIG DATA Panel Discussion**

Bernd Appleby, President TERiX & Session Chair, Dwight Strayer, C.O.O. SEI, Jerry Edinger, Chairman CSDP, Tom Clauser, Dir. Essintial Enterprise Solutions

## **Making Customers Stickier**

Dave Wiedman, President Lexicon & Session Chair; Americas, EMEA, APAC

- Customer Satisfaction Sats Metrix review with data info prior to discussion
- Why do customers love you?
- What makes them stay?
- How do we make customers "stickier"?
- What are unique challenges in APAC, Americas, EMEA for our members?

## **Roundtable Discussions**

- Understanding & doing business in the Asia market, challenges, barriers
- Supply chain challenges in the Global Market
- Understanding & doing business in Europe, challenges, opportunities, barriers
- Partnership Strategies

DRTR & Free ICT (Closed)

Big Data—John Thompson (Private Meetings)

## **Cocktail Reception**

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## Monday, March 17—Operational

**Continental Breakfast** 

## State of the Association Tom York, SIA President & President Essintial Enterprise Solutions

### **BIG Marketing Chairperson TBD**

- Lifestyle growth vs. BIG Growth
- Building your brand
- End goal build business or sell
- How does proliferation of technology fit your growth model challenge or opportunity

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#### Break

## Panel Discussion – Expanding Service Markets – shifting models Chairman: Dwight Strayer, COO, Service Express

**Panelists:** Depot, On-site, contingency labor model, nontraditional services MSPs and CSPs are beginning to dominate the IT industry, changing market dynamics, including emerging Cloud Computing & Virtualization. Purchasing power shifts from end user to service/cloud/telco provider.

### **Keynote Speaker**

"Building on the Future" - Motivational speaker and author

Lunch—concludes summit

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