



Mission accomplished: IAONA disbanded

Magdeburg, 26th June 2006 --- On 19th June in Frankfurt, the extraordinary general meeting voted by means of an overwhelming majority (easily in excess of the 75% of votes required) to disband IAONA e. V. with effect from 30th June 2006. This non-profit organisation was set up in 1999 with the aim of promoting Ethernet TCP/IP as the automation standard of the future.

Ethernet TCP/IP is now **the** network standard within the field of industrial communication. "This means that we have now completed our mission", were the words of IAONA Chairman Bernard Dumortier, as he looked back fondly over the previous seven years. During the meeting, he also thanked all the members for the outstanding level of cooperation they had shown. "We have achieved a great deal."

With more than 85 corporate members, IAONA is one of the main champions of the theory and practice of Ethernet technologies within the field of factory automation, and has pursued its pioneering work with every means at its disposal. Its task forces were, for example, responsible for devising standards relating to real-time capability, security and connection systems. This resulted in a whole series of well-known manuals that provide a general overview as well as offering special wiring, installation and access security guidelines. The organisation has been tireless in its efforts to promote the spread of industrial Ethernet by providing a platform for global network consortia. It has supported the activities of the Open DeviceNet Vendor Association, the Ethernet Powerlink Standardization Group, the EtherCAT Technology Group, Modbus-IDA and the SERCOS Interface syndicate.

Since the organisation was set up, Industrial Ethernet has become established within the automation industry and the number of applications is growing at a rate of over 30% a year. The industry now has recourse to a huge range of options based on Ethernet technology, which it is free to build upon. The fact that the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) has approved ten Ethernet-based protocols as IEC/PAS (Publicly Available Standards) means that IAONA has fulfilled its purpose, which consisted of "the promotion of open network standards such as Ethernet", and that the organisation has completed its mission.

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