

Ireland Section Fact Sheet

Background

ISA Worldwide

Founded in the United States in 1945, ISA is a leading, global, non-profit organisation that is setting the standard for automation by helping over 30,000 worldwide members and other professionals solve difficult technical problems while also enhancing their leadership and personal career capabilities. Based at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, ISA develops standards; certifies industry professionals; provides education and training; publishes books and technical articles and hosts the largest conference and exhibition for automation professionals in the Western Hemisphere.

ISA identifies, defines and reflects the needs and objectives of scientists, engineers, managers, technicians and students involved with instrumentation, systems and automation. Many professionals and corporations around the globe depend on ISA conferences, exhibitions, standards, publications and training for the transfer of knowledge, exchange of ideas and professional development.

ISA comprises of 14 Districts - North America (11); South America (1); Europe & Middle East (1), India & Far East (1) with 175 regular sections and 165 student sections chartered throughout the world and with a total membership of c.30,000.

Further detail can be had from the ISA website at <http://www.isa.org>.

Ireland Section

ISA Ireland Section is a non-profit Society and our members come from industry and academia. The Ireland Section received its charter in 1978 and has since grown to become a nationally recognised organisation. The aim of the society is to advance the technology, the competence and the careers of practitioners in the field of automation for the benefit of industry and humanity.

The Ireland Section of ISA caters for the technical, scientific and educational needs of its members who have careers in measurement, control, automation, systems design, academia and engineering consultancy within this very multidisciplinary scientific discipline.

The Ireland Section has been very successful in the past in holding and growing its membership. This has led to ours being a model which other ISA sections sought to emulate and further to being highly regarded within the automation industry in Ireland. Indeed Section committee members have consistently (against quite strong competition) been elected to serve at European District and Corporate Board level and we currently have several such members serving.

The Ireland Section has c.350 members and is affiliated to Europe & Middle East (District 12).

Further detail can be had from the Ireland Section website at <http://www.iol.ie/~isaire>.

Section Activities

1. Exhibition & Conference

The Section either conducts or interfaces with major Exhibitions and Conferences in Ireland. These platforms feature the display of new instrumentation and control products and the hosting of top quality technical sessions. This format thus in turn provides the appropriate environment for the exchange of ideas about new developments and technology trends amongst the exhibitors and attendees within the industry.

2. Technical Programme

The Section organises a number of Technical Talks and Plant Visits as part of its Technical Programme throughout the year covering a wide range of technical topics. Most of this program is conducted in Cork but we do try and accommodate our members in other parts of the country.

3. Honours & Awards Programme

The Section hosts an Honours & Awards Programme every year so as to acknowledge and encourage excellence and achievement amongst those involved in and those training for careers in instrumentation and related areas of technology. The venue for the prestigious Honours and Awards ceremony is the opulent and elegant surrounds of the Common Room in University College Cork.

Benefits of ISA Membership

- ❑ The ISA INTECH magazine posted to you monthly from USA. Electronic transmission is also available as an alternative.
- ❑ The Ireland Section INCON newsletter emailed to you approximately five times a year.
- ❑ Free Attendance at all Technical Talks and Plant Visits throughout the country
- ❑ Bi-monthly Enews e-mail from the USA.
- ❑ Weekly Intech News e-mail from the USA.
- ❑ Free online downloadable access to 135+ ISA published standards on a variety of automation topics.
- ❑ Free online access to the ISA library of over 40 online pre-recorded web seminars. These seminars, led by leading experts in the field, cover topics like network security, safety, Ethernet, fieldbus, and much more.
- ❑ Free online downloadable access to over 2,500 technical papers from past ISA conferences and symposia. A search system lets you find papers by keyword, event, date, or author to locate the technical information you seek.

Categories of Membership

1. **Regular Member:** Any person interested in instrumentation and the objectives of the society.
2. **Senior Member:** (A) Any person with a degree in engineering, technology or science and at least six years employment in instrumentation or measurement and control disciplines, two of which have been in positions of responsible charge. (B) Any person with ten years of employment in instrumentation or measurement and control disciplines, two of which have been in positions of responsible charge.
3. **Student Member :** Any person enrolled as a full-time student or enrolled as an apprentice.

Membership Fees (€ / \$ exchange reviewed on three monthly basis)

- Regular Member : €77 / US\$100 including 2 no. Technical Divisions.
- Senior Member : €77 / US\$100 including 2 no. Technical Divisions.
- Technical Divisions: €8 / US\$10 each for additional and selectable from 10 no. Industries & Sciences Divisions & 9 no. Automation & Technology Divisions.
- Student Member : €15 for Years 1-3 inclusive;
€8 / US\$10 for Year 4;
€8 / US\$10 for 1st Year after Graduation.

Notes :

1. Two year regular and senior membership fee: €143 / US\$186 (saving 8%).
2. Three year regular and senior membership fee: €204 / US\$265 (saving 13%).