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New members include:

- Digital Locksmiths Limited

Launch of Art of Smart Conference—a sell out!



Andrew Seedhouse (DfT) delivering his presentation to the audience

The first of a series of Art of Smart Conferences to reinforce the message that English National Concessionary Travel Scheme will be here and smart in April 2008, was held in July at the Mermaid Centre, London. The conference was a sell out with over 130 delegates attending.

The day kicked off with a 'welcome' by Councillor Mike Walker, Metro then Neil Scales Merseytravel, introduced the event.

Other speakers included Andrew Seedhouse (DfT), who gave both an update and DfT perspective of the ENCTS and how these schemes will be managed during the initial phase in 2008. Mike Eastham, ITSO General Manager, gave the audience a foretaste of ITSO including who we are, what we do and smart-cards in transport and elsewhere. Majid Khan of Metro, who has been working flat out with his team delivered an amusing but interesting talk regarding his involvement with data requirements, logistics and planning, communication and marketing.

The floor was then open to ask the panel speakers questions. After lunch, the afternoon session included topics such as an operator perspective delivered by Richard Rampton of Travel West Midlands, and a CTA perspective by John Keady, Metro.

The day was rounded up by John Henkel, Director of Passenger Services, Metro explaining how ITSO can help you in making ENCTS 2008 smart.

More of these events are scheduled to take place in late September/early October 2007.

You will receive details of further events in due course.

If you are interested in finding out more about the ITSO involvement with ENCTS please contact: relations@itso.org.uk

Organisers of this event can be contacted at www.kc-jones.co.uk/metro07 or telephone: 01332 224507.

Supplier Director Election 2007

!!!!Calling all Suppliers!!!!

If you have not already done so, please nominate who you wish to vote for by using the form already supplied and submit your entry by email to:

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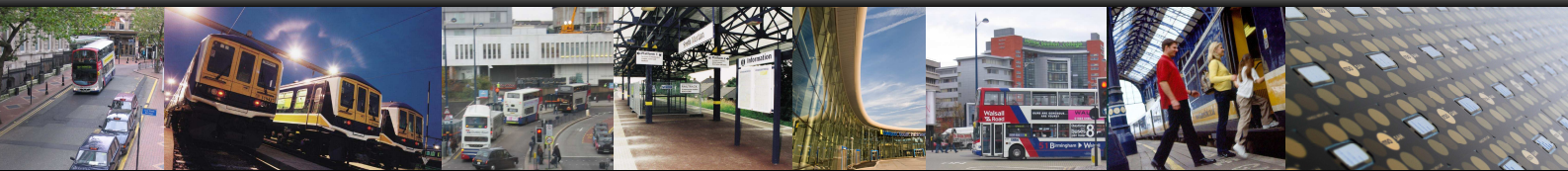
Please note – responses should not be sent to ITSO. If you do, your vote may not be counted.

ITSO welcomes new Chair of ITSO Security Committee

ITSO are very pleased to announce that Prof. Fred Piper has accepted the invitation to become the Independent chair of the ITSO Security Committee (ISC).



Fred is a Director of Information Security at Royal Holloway College, University of London and replaces Gerry Cole who sadly died earlier this year. The ISC meets four times a year to assess risks to information within the ITSO environment, ensure they are minimised in the most cost effective manner and that ITSO follows best practice for information security within the transport sector. As one globally recognised for his leadership and contribution to the Information Security Profession, Fred's arrival is highly valued at this important time of major roll-out of ITSO across the UK.



New Member Profile

Digital Locksmiths Limited was founded by two former members of Smart Card Solutions Sean Kelly & Martin Strauch. The company's principle role is to provide consultancy, technical support and development services for smartcard related projects. To meet these aims, the Digital Locksmiths draw on over 25 years of smartcard experience on the part of the founders. The Digital Locksmiths can also draw on a wide variety of specialist help from a pool of associates and former colleagues, built up over years of active participation in the digital security industry. The combination of in-house talent and wide external connections means no project is either too big or too small, for the Digital Locksmiths.

Arriva wins battle over Cross Country network

Virgin Trains no longer continues to operate the Cross Country rail franchise after November 2007 as Arriva take over this network.

First Group and National Express also pitched for this contract but were also beaten by Arriva, who take over in November 2007 and the contract will last until April 2016. The franchise already covers 1600 miles from Aberdeen to Penzance but this new deal will include journeys; Nottingham-Cardiff and Birmingham-Standed.

More detailed information can be found at:
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/passenger/franchises/winnernewcrosscounty>

ISAM ORDER FOR BOOMING ITSO MARKET

ITSO are pleased to announce their order of 20,000 ISAMs in order to create a buffer stock for the booming ITSO market.

The ISAM is a key component of all ITSO schemes and sits in all terminals in an ITSO smartcard system – bus ticket machines, ticket vending equipment, and so on. It acts as the 'policeman' for the schemes and enables passengers, bus operators and local authorities to trust that their journeys and fares are being processed accurately.

"The amount of activity in our market has increased dramatically during the past few months" says John Verity, Head of Compliance and Security, "Schemes are starting up and expanding all over England, Wales and Scotland and the potential arrival of enhanced concessionary travel schemes will drive demand still further. This provision of a good level of ISAM stock will ensure the smooth roll-out of ITSO schemes over the coming months."

Mel Pashley, Sales Director of Ecebs who the order was placed with, says "We are extremely pleased to receive this order and to continue the close relationship we have developed with ITSO over the years. This order clearly demonstrates the determination that exists to drive forward the success of ITSO."

2007 Paris - France
 Billettique et Transports
 Smart Ticketing & Transport
 1st-2nd October
 2007 Smart Ticketing & Transport 8th edition

ISO 24014-1: Interoperable Fare Management System Part 1: Architecture, was published on July 1, 2007 and is now available to be purchased by the public:

<http://www.iso.org/iso/en/CatalogueDetailPage.CatalogueDetail?CSNUMBER=41985&ICS1=35&ICS2=240&ICS3=60>

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