The Flow Measurement Institute: Merger with the Institute of Measurement and Control

The FMI was formed in late 2014 as a result of extensive consultation with over 70 organisations from industry, academia and government. The principals who have worked on the project to date are committed to working collaboratively, with a non-partisan approach.

There are two founder member organisations, NEL and Coventry University, and over 550 individual members.

The FMI responds to the Wood Report’s recommendation for collaborative working to ensure economic growth.

The FMI will meet the current and future flow measurement needs of North Sea Oil and Gas companies, and propel them to the forefront of subsea exploration and exploitation for years to come.

Over 20 other organisations have committed staff and resources to the Flow Measurement Institute. They include operators, manufacturers, the regulator, academia, service companies and laboratories.

The members deliver the vision by working across 4 areas of interest: leadership, infrastructure, skills and research & development.

The principal objectives for the FMI are:

- Developing a conduit to co-ordinate Flow Measurement Views and act as the Voice of the Industry
- Devising mechanisms to raise the level of Flow Measurement Skills in the Industry
- Ensuring an appropriate Flow Measurement Infrastructure to meet current and future needs
- Developing coordination in Flow Measurement Research, particularly focussing on emerging, as yet unanticipated needs
- Developing and sharing Flow Measurement Best Practice

The FMI has also been considering how its future development can best be secured, now that it has grown to the point where it requires more support than the current core group of volunteers can provide. After carefully reviewing options, we have concluded that our future is best assured through a collaboration with the Institute of Measurement and Control (InstMC). We are now finalising arrangements for FMI to merge with InstMC, retaining its identity by becoming an InstMC Special Interest Group.

There are a number of reasons why this merger is particularly attractive to both groups:
• InstMC and FMI together cover the field of flow measurement, and their combined strength will establish us as the UK’s natural focus on the subject.

• There is considerable synergy in activities and events that offer career development, training and networking opportunities.

• FMI members will have access to the other special interest groups of InstMC, including groups in industrial cyber security, standards, automation & control and measurement.

• FMI members will be invited to join InstMC and enjoy the benefits of membership of a professional engineering organisation.

• InstMC will provide FMI with a professional secretariat and support services, including a London office and meeting room.