
Introduction

The Innovative Production Machines and Systems (I*PROMS) Network of Excellence is funded by the EU under the Sixth Framework Programme for the period October 2004 – September 2005. The newsletter is issued monthly to provide a digest of the activities of the Network and the manufacturing community worldwide. This first issue covers:

- Launch of the Network
- Network Meetings
- Latest Manufacturing News
- Forthcoming Events

Launch of the Network

- I*PROMS officially started on 1 October 2004.
- The kick-off meetings were held on 14-15 October 2004 at the MEC, Cardiff University, UK.
- The launch dinner was held at Cardiff Castle on 14 October 2004. The guest list included I*PROMS Partners and Associates, EC Project Officer, I*PROMS Evaluator, staff from Cardiff University and VIPs from the community.

Network Meetings

- Kick-off meetings for both the Network Executive Board (EB) and Cluster Executive Committees (ECs) were held on 14 October 2004.
- Kick-off meeting of the Governing Council (GC) was held on 15 October 2004.
- Forthcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:
 - GC meeting on 23 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.
 - EB meetings:
 - 29 April 2005, MEC, Cardiff University, UK;
 - 22 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.
 - Cluster ECs meetings:
 - 28 April 2005, MEC, Cardiff University, UK;
 - 21 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.
 - Cluster meetings:
 - Production Organisation and Management (POM):
 - 11 November 2004 at Warwick University, UK;
 - 21 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.
 - Innovative Design technology (IDT):
 - 15 November 2004 at TNO, Eindhoven, The Netherlands;
 - 21 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.
 - Production Automation and Control (PAC):
 - 18 November 2004 at IPA Fraunhofer Institute, Stuttgart, Germany;
 - 21 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.
 - Advanced Production Machines (APM):
 - 19 November 2004 at IPA Fraunhofer Institute, Stuttgart, Germany;

- 21 September 2005, IPK Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Germany.

Manufacturing News

- Latest news about products, systems, and joint ventures can be found at: <http://www.iproms.org/aggregator/categories/3>

Events

- I*PROMS is organising an Invited Session on Innovative Production Machines and Systems at the IFAC World Congress to be held during the period 4-8 July 2005 in Prague, Czech Republic. <http://www.ifac.cz>
- More information on forthcoming events relevant to I*PROMS can be found at: <http://www.iproms.org/events>

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