



The sub-Regional network for Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

I am sure you'll agree with me that 2014 had been a very good year for Engineering & Manufacturing with significant growth and improvement in the sector impacting the overall UK economy positively. BIG network had been busy maintaining and growing the network and organising activities to the mutual benefits of our members. Over the last twelve months we have organised and participated in at least ten key events including the Southern Manufacturing Show, Kent 2020, Industry 4.0 international conference at Gent Belgium, the Engineering & Manufacturing Show in Kent and EEF Future Manufacturing Awards. For the next season we plan to continue our efforts in these areas and have a line-up of exciting events including factory visits to Texcel Technology plc, Stickleback Manufacturing and MEP Ltd. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you all for our success as an industry and wish you and family and your teams **Merry Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year 2015!!**

Look forward to working with you.

With best wishes,

Dr Pal Kulandaivel

UPCOMING EVENTS

KEiBA – Kent Excellence in Business Awards

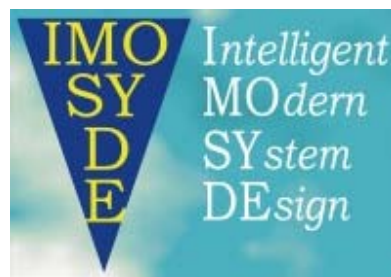
BIG will be co-sponsoring the next year's Manufacturing Award at KEiBA alongside asb law. KEiBA is an awards scheme staged and produced by Kent County Council and KM Media Group to recognise and reward excellence in Kent's businesses.

Please visit <http://www.keiba.co.uk> for more details.

Southern Manufacturing Event

NEWS UPDATES

IMOSYDE Industry 4.0 conference



BIG-Kent supported a major international conference "Industry 4.0" at Ghent in Belgium On the 21st Oct. The conference focused on "smart specialisation" and next generation of inter-connected

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



Business Support on Your Doorstep



2015

BIG-Kent supports one of the UK's largest manufacturing, electronics and subcontracting event on 10th to 12th February 2015 at Farnborough International Events and Venue (FIVE), Farnborough. BIG will be exhibiting for the 5th year in a series.

For more details please visit <http://www.industrysouth.co.uk>

EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2014/15

EEF Future Manufacturing Awards highlight the resilience, determination and ingenuity of the UK's manufacturing community. Entering the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards gives you the opportunity to shout about your achievements and your innovation.

For more details please visit <http://www.eef.org.uk>

Kent 2020 – May 2015

Kent 2020 Vision LIVE is the South East's premier B2B exhibition and the largest event of its kind in the UK: with more than 3,000 customers, suppliers and partners coming together for the year's most important business gathering. BIG will continue to support and exhibit for the 5th year in series.

For more details please visit <http://www.kent2020.co.uk/>

The Manufacturing & Electronics Expo 2015 - Detling, Kent

The Manufacturing and Electronics Expo is an inspirational business-to-

advanced manufacturing and communication. Around 35 delegates from UK joined over 200 guests from Belgium, France, Netherlands, Germany and other parts of EU. This event is part of the EU inter -regional cluster IMOSYDE financed by Interreg IVA 2 Seas.

For more details and presentations please visit <http://www.imosyde.eu>

Kent Invicta Chamber After hours event

The UoG hosted an evening event for the Kent Invicta Chamber facilitated by Louisa Felstead and colleagues of the KICC when Dr Pal Kulandaivel spoke about "UK's Knowledge Economy – Role of UoG & UTCs". The event was attended by over 25 guests that joined a very lively discussion after the event.

Manufacturing Expo, Oct 2014

BIG-Kent supported the successful organisation of the one of the UK's largest dedicated Manufacturing & engineering business showcase on the 8th of October 2014 at Kent Event Centre, Maidstone. BIG members Texcel Technology plc and MEP Ltd presented at the workshops and BIG/UoG sponsored the lunch seminar.

business show that has been designed to support and showcase everything that is great about the manufacturing and electronics sector. BIG will continue its active role to support the planning and organisation of the event.

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