

# 3RD ARC FLASH & ISOLATION SAFETY CONFERENCE

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**21st & 22nd  
May 2019**

**Marriott Manchester –  
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Manchester, UK**

## WHAT YOU WILL GAIN FROM ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE:

- Learn about UK, EU and international standards developments in arc flash
- Hear case studies detailing the latest arc flash mitigation strategies and solutions
- Define what personal protective equipment (PPE) is required on your site
- Understand how to achieve a compliant and electrically safe work place
- Learn about the recent updates to NFPA 70E 2012, CSA Z462, BS7671 and IEEE 1584
- Clearly understand what an arc flash is and the potential injuries it can cause
- Learn about electrical safety statistics and the implications for you
- Detail the steps to perform an arc flash hazard analysis
- Understand practical considerations for PPE selection, testing and maintenance
- Learn how to provide arc flash training for your staff
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# CONFERENCE DAY ONE – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

8.00am	<b>Registration</b>	
8.25am	<b>Opening Address</b>	
8.30am	<b>The Human Factor in Electrical Safety – Ways to reduce error and improve performance</b>	
Session 1	<p><b>Jim Pollard</b> – Arc Flash Expert, Arc-Rated PPE, Unlimited PPE Inc. Canadian Regional Representative, Oberon</p> <p>The leading cause of arc flash &amp; shock incidents is human error. As the electrical safety industry evolves we're learning that human performance and behaviour must be addressed before we can eliminate fatalities caused by electrical hazards. New requirements have been introduced to both the NFPA 70E and CSA Z462 Standards; when completing a risk assessment employers are required to address the potential for human error and its negative consequences. Our existing safety related work practices involving electrical hazards must be examined to identify deficiencies that could be improved by the implementation of human performance methodologies. Even the simplest of controls such as your existing arc flash and shock Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) must be assessed to determine if you are unnecessarily burdening your workers. By addressing the human factor in electrical safety we can effectively drive down the probability of a workplace electrical incident.</p>	<b>KEY NOTE</b>
9.30am	<b>Arc Flash Risk Assessment from a UK Perspective – What's New?</b>	
Session 2	<p><b>John Maplesden</b> – Electrical Consultant &amp; Industry Specialist, Covol Engineering Ltd</p> <p>In 2018 there were updates to several arc flash related standards including: - NFPA 70E "Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace", IEEE 1584 "IEEE Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations" and BS7671 "Requirements for Electrical Installations. IET Wiring Regulations practitioners have had a lot of new material to assimilate and incorporate into risk assessment methodology. This paper discusses risk assessment, application of the hierarchy of controls and changes to calculated results using the revised IEEE 1584 approach. Case studies drawn from arc flash risk assessments conducted on industrial facilities are used to throughout this paper to illustrate the impact of changes to standards.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
<b>Morning Tea – 10.15am</b>		
10.45am	<b>Building and implementing a flame resistant/arc-rated (FR/AR) program for arc flash hazard</b>	
Session 3	<p><b>Derek Sang</b> – Technical Training Manager, Bulwark Protective Apparel</p> <p>PPE is the last line of defense, but if the PPE is not correct for the hazard, is not worn properly or maintained correctly it will fail when you need it most. There is still a lot of misleading, inaccurate and incorrect information regarding selecting the proper clothing. Regulations and Standards make it clear that training on PPE is required. How do you train on FR/AR clothing? What is your responsibility for care and maintenance of your FR/AR clothing? Derek will cover what guidance is provided by the standards and review best practices in selecting, using and caring for your PPE to assist in your organization being compliant.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
11.30am	<b>Arc flash in the maritime industry - Case study of arc flash hazard and mitigation through system design on a new build vessel</b>	
Session 4	<p><b>Shaun White</b> – Senior Project Manager – Electrical, Atlantic Pacific Marine Ltd</p> <p>There has been a marked increase in maritime industry awareness and understanding of the hazards and mitigation techniques associated with arc flash. This ongoing discussion has been subjected to a degree of repetition and a lack of detailed examples of how arc flash hazard assessment and mitigations have been implemented in practice. This paper seeks to move the arc flash hazard discussion forward by providing a detailed case study of arc flash hazard and mitigation through system design on a new build vessel. Shaun will share the system design approach to quantify and manage the arc flash risk, highlight the challenges in applying Class Rules and contractual requirements on shipyards and suppliers, reality check the design verification capability of suppliers and show best practice for the arc flash system verification and testing. This paper seeks to further improve the safety, integrity and reliability of arc flash analysis and detection systems and the safety of seafarers.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
<b>Lunch – 12.15pm</b>		

1.15pm	<b>Internal arc classification according to IEC 62271-200</b>	
Session 5	<p><b>Andy Seccombe</b> – Engineering Director, L.C. SWITCHGEAR LIMITED</p> <p>IEC 62271-200 specifies requirements for prefabricated metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for AC voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV for indoor and outdoor installation. A section within the standard defines the testing and pass criteria in order to verify the Internal Arc Classification (IAC). The testing takes into consideration the accessibility of the equipment; floor mounted authorised person or general public access and also overhead pole mounted equipment. Pass criteria takes into consideration the risk to personnel near the equipment, such as burns due to the arc and risk of being hit by flying debris. In this presentation, Andy will discuss his experience designing and testing equipment in line with the IAC requirements of IEC 62271-200.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
2.00pm	<b>How to make LV switchgear assemblies according to IEC 61439 safer</b>	
Session 6	<p><b>Lutz Graumann</b> – LV Assemblies Specialist, Germany</p> <p>LV switchgear assemblies according to IEC 61439 are safe but there is still risk of an arc flash due to a fault inside the panel. The Technical Report TR 61641 "Guide for testing under conditions of arcing due to internal fault" is an agreement between user and manufacturer but operating or maintenance staff are still at high risk to receive injuries or even face death. There are existing technologies available which focus on prevention against the occurrence of arc flashes but they are not mandatory. Here Lutz will discuss why these technologies should be "standard" for certain applications.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
<b>Afternoon Tea – 2.45pm</b>		
3.15pm	<b>Gaps in electrical training and the safety implications of this related to arc flash</b>	
Session 7	<p><b>Kevin Hann</b> – Director, 33kV Limited</p> <p>The expansion of renewable energy and HV networks in the ownership of others than Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), the National Grid, and railways has meant that there is a demand for high voltage electrical engineers to operate and manage these smaller scale HV networks. Traditionally it was only DNO's that trained engineers and the employment packages offered by DNO's meant that very few would leave the industry and want to continue to work outside of them. This has resulted in a one or two week training course that is supposed to churn out switching engineers. My presentation will consider the safety implications of this related to arc flash.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
4.00pm	<b>ARC Flash PPE – Do you or don't you need it?</b>	
Session 8	<p><b>Anthony Long</b> – Global Technical Manager – Arc &amp; Flame PPE, Skanwear UK</p> <p>I've done this a thousand times before, it's never got me before, I've been doing this for 30 years – common phrases used by battle-hardened electricians. Are you protected when you need to be? Anthony will discuss ARC Flash clothing, PPE and electrical safety training advocating the use of "Lock Out-Tag Out" (LOTO), ARC Flash mitigation systems and the correct hierarchy of controls. These are the first steps any company or individual needs to take to ensure safe working conditions before using the last line of defence - PPE.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>
4.45pm	<b>Arc flash risk assessments – A case study from Sweden's largest nuclear power plant</b>	
Session 9	<p><b>Tomas Winter</b> – Manager, Peritum Safety Management – Sweden</p> <p>In Sweden very little has been done when it comes to arc flash risk assessments. It's like a forgotten hazard and all focus is on handling electric shock. This presentation will explore an arc flash program performed and implemented in Sweden's largest nuclear power plant Ringhals. This is one of very few arc flash risk assessments performed on a utility in Sweden and Tomas will discuss the huge learning curve it took to make it a prioritised area. The arc flash program consisted of installation analysis, visualisation, safety guidance and implementation. In the absence of an equivalent Swedish or European standard, the Arc Flash hazard analysis was executed in accordance with IEEE 1584.</p>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>



**Closing and Networking Session – 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

An hour dedicated for all attendees to meet and socialise with experts and industry peers at the 3rd Arc Flash and Isolation Safety Conference Cocktail Hour



# INTRODUCTION TO THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ARC FLASH AND ISOLATION SAFETY CONFERENCE

The objective of this conference is to provide you with the latest developments and best practice to deal with arc flash hazards and isolation safety issues. You will have a chance to discuss your electrical issues with our speakers, and gain practical applications to improve arc flash and isolation safety in your workplace. The focus throughout is on the experiences of end users. The conference will be attended by those who are interested in technical solutions to their arc flash and isolation issues, industry trends, standards developments and new techniques to handle existing electrical safety threats.



All conference papers are reviewed and selected for their high quality and technical value by our panel of specialists experienced in the theory and practice of arc flash and isolation safety.

## CONFERENCE DAY TWO – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**8.30am** **The Anatomy of Arc Flash PPE**  
**Jim Pollard** – Arc Flash Expert, Arc-Rated PPE, Unlimited PPE Inc.

**Session 10**  
**HALF DAY WORK SHOP**

This interactive workshop session on Arc Flash PPE that describes how the products are tested, certified, selected and pre-use inspected including care, use and maintenance guidelines to follow. Learn how to build a world class Arc Flash PPE program as part of your safety management system. Take away valuable knowledge to make informed decisions about your Arc Flash PPE to reduce human error, improve worker safety and productivity. Experience first-hand the latest innovations in product development using actual samples of Arc Flash PPE. Practical examples will be used to demonstrate how this protection works and a clear explanation of what Arc Flash PPE pitfalls to avoid.

### WORKSHOP PRESENTER

#### JIM POLLARD

Arc Flash Expert, Arc-Rated PPE, Unlimited PPE Inc. Canadian Regional Representative, Oberon



Jim's goal is to save lives by helping companies be compliant with Arc Flash and Electrical Safety. He believes every workplace electrical fatality was preventable. He is passionate about providing specialised solutions for arc flash and shock compliance adhering with all relevant acts, codes, regulations and applicable best practice Standards. As a subject matter expert on arc flash personal protective equipment (PPE) Jim's experience and technical knowledge has been tapped by technical committees in Canada and the USA including CSA Z462, ASTM F18.15, CAN/ULC-S801, CSC/IEC/TC78 and ULC Live Working.

### Lunch – 12.00pm

**1.00pm** **IEEE 1584 Guide for Performing Arc Flash Hazard Calculations – An overview of the changes and how they affect you**  
**Alan O'Kelly** – Premium Power Ltd, Ireland

**Session 11**

The IEEE published a much-revised IEEE 1584 Guide for Performing Arc Flash Hazard Calculations in November 2018, after a number of years of collaboration with the NFPA involving almost 2000 arc flash tests. The latest publication is a comprehensive overhaul of the Guide which was published in 2002 and last amended in 2011. This paper discusses the new IEEE 1584 approach, the rationale for same, the challenges posed for electrical installation owners and consulting engineers alike in acquiring the extra network survey data and information and, most importantly, the potential for significantly increased calculated levels of prospective arc incident energy for given electrical network configurations.



**1.45pm** **Three Case Studies Looking at the Practicality of Arc Flash Risk Assessment in the Workplace**  
**Pat Mynett** – Director, HV Training and Consulting, Australia

**Session 12**  
**CASE STUDY**

**CASE STUDY 1** – An electrician received second degree burns to his hand while working in an underground mine on 1000volt equipment.  
**CASE STUDY 2** – How a situation arose where not understanding arc flash hazards could have resulted in a production shut down and how it was resolved.  
**CASE STUDY 3** – An electrician received minor injuries from an arc flash when a 6.6kV isolation switch flashed over during opening. Incident energy is calculated as if doors are open, and no allowance is made for enclosure doors unless the enclosure is type tested to contain the arc flash. In this presentation, Pat will discuss the possibility of risk assessing an allowance for doors using three case studies from industry.



### Afternoon Tea – 2.30pm

**3.00pm** **Selection of PPE – Practical experience and comparison of different arc assessment methods**  
**Dr.-Ing. Thomas Jordan** – Director of Research & Development, BSD – Germany

**Session 13**

According to European and worldwide OSHA regulation and existing arc testing standards it is necessary for managers to select appropriate PPE according to the arc energy level at their workplace. Conflicting arc assessment methods often result in managers having to decide which assessment method is the most appropriate. While the arc assessment on the basis of NFPA 70E and IEEE 1584 is most common worldwide, the German based assessment on the DGVV standard 203-077 is beginning to get more attention outside of Germany. Both arc assessment methods are strictly bonded to the associated PPE arc rating method. This paper deals with experience using both assessment methods in utilities and industry. It will compare and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both methods together with the impacts of the assessment results on the selection of arc protection PPE.



**3.45pm** **Duty holder responsibility - Legal responsibility around electrical maintenance and compliance with the Electricity at Work Regulations**  
**Anthony Smith** – CEO, Lantei Compliance Services & The Electrical Safety Network

**Session 14**

Anthony's presentation will focus on the legal requirements related to the maintenance of electrical installations, systems and equipment. It will cover issues raised in the IET Code of Practice for Electrical Safety Management, the latest legislation and regulations including the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. The aim of this section is to help duty holder's work towards some element of clarity and simplicity whilst maintaining compliance in the workplace, a must for all those serious about electrical safety in the workplace.



### 4.30pm Discussion Panel

### Closing – 5.00pm

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