

Mobily team become Certified Optical Network Engineers

In August a team of engineers from Mobily, a Saudi Arabian mobile network operator, travelled to the UK to take the Certified Optical Network Engineer course. They are rolling out a new national network using state of the art Next Generation Network equipment and attended the course to learn all about the new technology

options available to them. All delegates agreed that they had learned a lot more than they expected from the course and said "all our questions were covered during the course with clear answers". They found the weather (a wet British summer) to be quite a contrast to Saudi Arabia but enjoyed their trip out into the Yorkshire Dales.



Richard receives IEC 1906 award



In commemoration of the Centenary of the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) the 1906 Awards were set up to recognise individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the development of international standards. Each year, up to five 1906 awards can be made by each Technical Committee.

Richard Ednay, Technical Director of OTT, is one of those to receive the award this year for his work on IEC TC86 that deals with fibre optics. The award citation reads: "For his active role in IEC/SC 86C standardization activities, whilst also contributing with his experience to other normative bodies (including ITU-T and ISO/IEC). His positive attitude and his high technical and scientific expertise have been invaluable in the proper development of many documents within IEC/SC 86C/WG1. Currently he is serving outstandingly in the challenging task of Liaison Officer between IEC/SC 86C and ISO/IEC JTC1 SC 25."

In fact it has been a busy year for Richard in the development of new standards and test methods. Not only have his contributions

been recognised with the IEC's prestigious 1906 Award, but he has also been active in all of the major standards setting organisations, ITU, IEC, ISO/IEC and the USTIA. In December Richard will be taking on the role of Chairman of the BSI GEL86/3 committee on Fibre Optic Systems and Active Devices.

The return of NATO... to add CONE



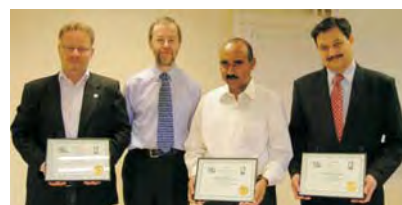
The Nato Allied Joint Force Command in Brunssum certainly is the home of some of Nato's top communications infrastructure experts now.

In September 2007 a team of engineers all successfully completed the Certified Fibre Characterisation Engineer (CFCE) training programme at OTT in Skipton.

In June this year they were back, and successfully took on the challenge of becoming Certified Optical Network Engineers.



and a Norwegian double



Congratulations also go to Tore from Norway (seen here on the far left, with some of the other delegates from the first public CONE course), who has now also successfully gained both the CFCE and CONE certifications.

OTT takes to the UK's great cities



With many delegates attending our advanced certification courses from overseas, we are now running these at convenient city locations, well served by airports, and with lots of other amenities.

The CFCE course in November is running in **London's docklands area** and after that the next UK public course venue for the CFCE and CONE courses will be **Liverpool in February 2009**. Liverpool is a diverse and

interesting city. It celebrated its 800th birthday in 2007 and has been a European Capital of Culture in 2008. It is famous for many things including football, its maritime history and of course for the Beatles. Liverpool John Lennon Airport is just 8 miles from the City Centre with scheduled flights from many European cities and there is also a rail link from Manchester Airport which offers an International gateway from all

parts of the world. www.visitliverpool.com
The course venue is in the stunning Albert Dock area, (see: www.albertdock.com) just a short walk from the Beatles museum. It is also close to the impressive new Liverpool ONE shopping centre, open until 8pm, which includes 160 shops, restaurants & a 14-screen cinema, great for getting the presents you need for your loved ones at home.



CFCE courses in the USA & Ireland



As well as bringing engineers from all over the world to the UK for their advanced certification courses, OTT has

also delivered the CFCE course overseas this summer, in Ireland and also in New Jersey in the USA. Pictured below are delegates from the Dublin course.



So where next?

So where would you like us to run the CFCE and CONE courses?

Cape Town? Singapore? New York?visit our website to cast your vote.

Are you a manufacturer or a distributor interested in hosting a course in your region? Then get in touch to discuss it: sales@ott.co.uk

OTT hosts CFCE & CONE meeting at ECOC



OTT hosted an informal meeting of CFCEs and

CONEs at ECOC in Brussels in September. An excellent selection of beers were sampled at the Poeschenellekelder, just next to one of Brussel's most famous little characters. Here's some of the team from Nato. The ECOC conference and exhibition make up Europe's premier event in the fibre optics calendar - lots of technical developments were presented in



the conference sessions and there were new product launches in the exhibition with both Anritsu and JDSU launching new test platforms - Anritsu with an update of their CMA 5000 - and JDSU with the new MTS-4000.

Company & custom courses also available

These courses are also available as company courses and can sometimes be run on your own premises. We also offer a range of optical networking 'bespoke' or

customised courses designed to meet the exact training needs of a group from one organisation, if for example you want to focus on a specific issue.

Public course dates



Certified Fibre Characterisation Engineer

24-28 November 2008, London

16-20 February 2009, Liverpool



Certified Optical Network Engineer (Core)

23-27 February 2009, Liverpool

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