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UCA International to Participate in CIGRE 2004 *Advancing Interoperability for the Utility Enterprise*

UCA International will be present at the **40th CIGRE General Session and Exhibition** next August 29th through September 3rd, 2004 at the “Palais des Congres” in Paris, France. There are two main events planned to increase awareness of the users group activities and technologies fostered.

The **UCA International** Users Group Meeting will be held simultaneously with the CIGRE conferences. The meeting format is a series of informative presentations open to the public. A general introduction to the users group will be followed by technical works presenting the state of the art, and the actual benefits utilities are already experiencing by applying the communication standards under the users group umbrella. Special emphasis will be placed in the IEC 61850 standard.

Additionally, **UCA International** is hosting a booth with 13 members participating in a live interoperability demonstration of IEC 61850. Exhibiting companies are: ABB, Areva, GE, KEMA, LiveData, OMICRON, RuggedCom, SEL, Siemens, SISCO, TMT&D, VA TECH, and ZIV Aplicaciones y Tecnologia. This is an excellent opportunity to learn first hand about the existing solutions available to the industry. Also, the available communication functionalities among these devices are demonstrated. A series of different tests will be staged to demonstrate the capabilities of this revolutionary communications architecture.

For details on the locations and schedules of the conference presentations and the exhibit display, please visit the **UCA International** website at www.ucausersgroup.org

UCA International Users Group is a not-for-profit corporation consisting of utility user and supplier companies that is dedicated to promoting the integration and interoperability of electric/gas/water utility systems through the use of international standards-based technology. For information on becoming a member please visit www.ucausersgroup.org or call +1 (919) 847-2241.