

# See What You Missed at Education Forum 2016!



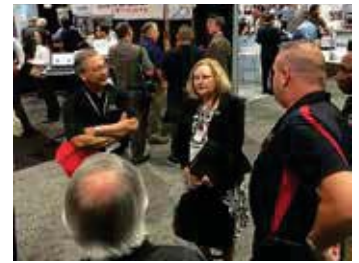
Don Nelson, Supreme Radio, talks with David Weaver, ETA Test & Research Development.



Dr. Tommy Bonner addresses an attendee's question during his session on the Future of 4G and telecommunications worldwide.



Andre Smalling, CET, watches Johannes Bakkeren, CETma, manipulate RFID applications.



ETA President Teresa Maher, CSS, talks with VAE instructors (clockwise from left) Frank Sablan, Mike Post and Gary Rice in the IWCE Job Training and Education Center in the exhibit hall.



ETA Chairman John Baldwin, CETsr, poses with Carla Hutubise, CSS, Certified Service Centers administrator, at IWCE's Party in the Park.



Dane Brockmiller, FOI, LAS, PIM, consultant for Dover Telecommunications Services, shows attendees how various equipment is used during DAS installations.



Ira Wiesenfeld, CETsr (seated, left) and Jay Thompson, CETsr (standing, right) of Ira Wiesenfeld & Assoc. Technical Services, Inc., help attendees get their hands on several pieces of test equipment during the Line and Antenna Sweep workshop.



Light Brigade instructor John Dron prepares attendees for their hands-on skills labs during the fiber optics installer workshop.

ETA took the Education Forum experience back to Las Vegas to co-locate again with Penton's International Wireless Communications Expo, where technical and educational professionals joined colleagues to obtain valuable hands-on training and certification. ETA and IWCE have worked together for several years, with ETA offering certification testing during IWCE.

ETA hosted hands-on training from top industry experts at IWCE. Training included Associate Certified Electronics Technician, Distributed Antenna Systems, Line and Antenna Sweep, Fiber Optics Installer and Radio Frequency Interference Mitigation from such respected trainers as Dover Telecommunications Services, Ira Wiesenfeld & Associates and Light Brigade.

"Close to 100 technicians attained career-enhancing skills and knowledge during ETA-hosted training and sat for ETA certification testing," said Teresa Maher, CSS, President, ETA International. "ETA was honored to be a part of an event of this caliber. This type of teamwork will continue to foster excellence in wireless communications careers."

As more technicians and educators continue to discover the ETA Education Forum and the remarkable value it offers, ETA will continue to provide professional development opportunities at a reasonable price.

In an effort to encourage students to pursue wireless communications careers, ETA once again partnered with IWCE

on the Job Education and Training Center, including an annual student scholarship to attend IWCE. This year's winner was Kelly Krenek from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station, TX.

"While I entered the conference with the intention to become a systems engineer, I've now discovered even more opportunities and careers I could choose from within wireless communications," Krenek said, "and I look forward to my continued education and eventual career within the field."

She said she learned so much about cyber-security and wireless networking that she intends to pass on to the other students and is very appreciative of the scholarship which allowed her to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity.

Keynote speaker at the ETA annual awards banquet was Eric J. Taipale, Chief Executive Officer and Cofounder of Sentera, LLC. He discussed how drones are enhancing the way infrastructure inspections are conducted, the way in which big data collected during site inspections is managed, trends the industry is adopting which will enable organizations to convert inspection imagery into a return on investment and the implications this could mean for ETA International with the potential need to develop new certifications.

View pictures and videos of the event on ETA International's Facebook page and watch for next year's Education Forum location announcement. //

## HERE'S WHAT OTHERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT EF16@IWCE:

“Chris (Dalton) was very knowledgeable and personable. He used a lot of stories from personal experience to highlight the important concepts he wanted to get across. I gained valuable industry knowledge that I can bring back into my classroom. I want my students learning up-to-date and relevant information. ETA did a great job of finding quality instructors and I really enjoyed learning from the people that, literally, wrote the book. I took this training because I want to offer the MCEI certification to my high school students. They probably won't get a job right out of high school installing communications equipment for police and fire departments, but there are a lot of electronics shops in town that install car stereos, car alarms and auto start systems. A MCEI certification could help kick-start their career.”

**Dan Retzinger, CETa**  
**Electronics and Telecommunications Instructor**  
**King Career Center Anchorage School District Anchorage, Alaska**

“RFID is a technology that is slowly trying to get a foothold in the police service where I work. And I would like to be prepared before the technology is implemented to prevent a steep learning curve. This training makes me better prepared for when this technology will be implemented.”

**Johannes Bakkeren, CETmar**  
**Peel Regional Police (Ontario, Canada)**

“I decided to take this industry training to further my knowledge and marketability, hoping it will make me better at my current job and more marketable for future opportunities. It was a valuable use of the time and money well-spent. What I found most valuable about the Education Forum at IWCE experience was learning from the experiences of the instructors and other attendees.”

**Mike Green, FOI, GCT2, RFIM**  
**Satellite Systems Technician**  
**ESPN, Inc.**

“I took this training because we are building new buildings and needed further knowledge to better protect our communications site from lightning and transient voltage. Classes were arranged to allow for me to still attend a full day of the expo floor show. ETA staff was very personable, helped with whatever I needed and were willing to listen to suggestions.”

**Thomas Cluff, FOSP, CET, GCT1**  
**Communications Technician**  
**Dixie Power**

“The trainer was very knowledgeable. This training was very well put together and informative and will allow me to effect site grounding corrections.”

**Dario Lopez**  
**Principal Engineer**  
**General Dynamics Mission Systems**

“Come prepared for an engaging, enlightening, and worthwhile experience! Dane (Brockmiller) is a highly qualified and engaging presenter. He is able to take questions and comments in stride, and address them fully. The camaraderie among the entire group, including the instructor, was the best part of the conference. We felt like this was a shared experience. The instructor delivered the course material with expertise and confidence, yet made the class feel that we were his peers. We have several DAS systems installed on our campus, which we need to manage effectively, and we also plan to install new DAS and upgrade our present systems. Credentials are important at an institution of higher education and this certification will boost not only my skills but also my credibility.”

**Cardell Lenford**  
**Texas A&M University**

