

General Instructions for Attending UCA's 61850 IOP Event – 7-16 October 2026, Utrecht, Netherlands, Jaabeurs

Before reading further, please note: This message is only intended for those who will be attending the 61850 IOP event in Utrecht, October 2026. If you are a billing contact or someone not attending, please disregard this email or forward to the correct person(s).

For those attending (Participants and Witnesses)

1. **All Device Participants** - If you will have a device for testing at the 61850 IOP event, please ensure the following tasks are completed:
 - a. **Register and pay for your team's attendance (discounted pricing ends 30 June 2026)**
 - i. Register online (request a quote, invoice or pay via credit card): <https://ucaug.org/upcoming-ucaug-events/61850-iop-2026/#REGISTER>
 - ii. Register by email: IOP@ucaug.org
 - iii. "Late" registration and pricing is open from 1 July to 31 August 2026
 - b. **Read the following Device Participant Instructions from the Technical Experts:** <https://ucaug.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Device-Participation-Instructions.pdf>
 - c. **Add/list your devices here:** <https://app.box.com/s/7djtyo9dzq5is8uqlsza0axn6xro3lkt>
 - i. If you do not have access to this document, contact me back and I will send you the invite
 - ii. If your company's firewall/internet security does not allow you to access Box.com, contact me back and we will offer another option
 - d. **Attend the IOP Plenary calls**
 - i. Contact Herb@ucaug.org to be added to the biweekly calls
 - ii. NOTE: Around 18 July 2026, these calls AND the Box.com folders will be closed to the public – you must be paid/registered to attend future calls and gain access to the Box.com folders for Participants and devices
 - iii. **Come prepared to the biweekly calls with any questions you may have**
 - e. **Join the IOP Task Forces related to the tests you will be participating**
 - i. See contacts and Task Forces below
 - ii. **Note:** Around 18 July 2026, the Task Forces will be closed to the public, and only accessible for PAID Participants and Witnesses
 1. Box folders and documents will also become inaccessible to the public and unpaid attendees in July
 - f. **Primary contacts for the IOP Task Forces: Contact these people directly to be added to their separate email lists and meeting invitations**
 - i. **Keith Gray** (keith.a.gray@wsp.com): Basic Application Profiles (device functional testing as part of a power system function)
 - ii. **Raymond Shieh** (raymond.shieh@moxa.com): Network configuration and devices. This group deals with switches, routers, and MPLS
 - iii. **Tahmina Hoque** (tahmina.hoque@meinberg-usa.com): Time Sync distribution and test case design
 - iv. **Chris Dyer** (chris.dyer@wsp.com): SCL and OCL validation.

- v. **Eric Fabre (efabre@trianglemicroworks.com)**: Control Center to Device testing.
- vi. **Herbert Falk (herb.falk@otb-consultingservices.com)**: Cyber Security Testing
- vii. **Ryan Willcockson (ryan@ucaug.org)**: Billing, event registration, memberships, everything else

2. **All Witnesses (utilities, research labs, universities, consultants, and non-vendors)**

- a. If you do not have a device for testing, there are no tasks for you currently.
- b. In August or September, we will share information about Witness Training. This is NOT general 61850 training (e.g., previously known as the 61850 Boot Camp). Witness Training will include information on HOW to view, analyze, discuss and document the vendor devices you will be viewing. Witnesses are crucial to the IOP event, because without them, there is little to no validity associated with interoperability between 61850-enabled devices.

Additionally, Ryan Willcockson (ryan@ucaug.org) will be following up with each of you to confirm your team's details and provide any extra information to improve your event experience. These follow-ups will begin in August to ensure ample time for any changes you may have.

Thank you,

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