

Satellite Technology Asia

SATTECH 2008

21st Feb 2008
Raffles Hotel, Singapore

Conference Summary

Satellite Technology Asia (SATTECH) International Conference was held for its first time in Raffles Hotel, Singapore, on the 21st February 2008.



Arie Halsband, Matt O' Connell, Chang Yang Fa, Prof Lui Pao Chuen, Thomas Vergis, Dr Eui K Koh, Poh Kwee Lin, Dave Bettinger

The event brought together - from all over the world - decision makers, operation managers, end users, technologists and procurement specialists in the industry.



Delegates at the Satellite Technology Asia 2008 International Conference

The Guest-of-Honour, Chief Defence Scientist, Ministry of Defence, Singapore, Professor Lui Pao Chuen, started the conference proper with his keynote address after a networking breakfast at the hotel.



Guest of Honour, Prof Lui Pao Chuen, Chief Defence Scientist, Ministry of Defence, Singapore

In his address, Prof Lui covered issues such as the viability of involving Universities' students in the industry, the importance of leadership and academic entrepreneurship in order to succeed, how organisations such as ISRO has shown that reliable launch vehicles can be made at low costs and also the high possibility of small countries like Singapore benefiting from investments in the Satellite industries.



Arie Halsband, Matt O' Connell, Prof Lui Pao Chuen, Dr Eui K Koh, Poh Kwee Lin, Dave Bettinger

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A panel session was also held mid-way to take questions from the floor. The panel was chaired by Prof Lui Pao Chuen, and its members consisted of:

Matt O' Connell - President and CEO, GeoEye
 Poh Kwee Lin - Director, Business Development, SingTel Satellite
 Arie Halsband - GM, MBT Space Division
 Dave Bettinger- Chief Technology Officer, iDirect, USA
 Eui K. Koh - President, ProtoStar Asia, Singapore

The other speakers at the conference included key management people from organisations such as Digital Globe, EADS, IAI, iDirect, GeoEye, OHB, RST, SingTel, Telespazio and Thales Alenia Space. A good range of topics from imaging, sensing to processing were well covered.



*Panel Discussion:
 Question From COL Lim Soon Chia
 Dy Chief Research & Technology Officer
 Defence Research & Technology Office
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*Prof Lui Pao Chuen, Quek Tong Boon, Paolo Colombi,
 Thomas Vergis, Matt O' Connell*



*Matt O'Connell,
 President and CEO,
 GeoEye,
 USA*



*Richard Bowles
 Director
 Ariane Space
 France*



*Lee Foh Cheong
 Chief Engineer
 Sing Tel Satellite
 Singapore*



*David Hall
 Head of Future EO Sensors,
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*Salvatore Farruggia
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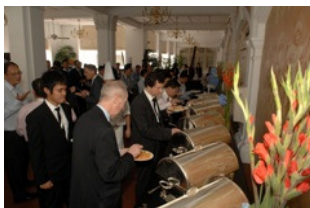


*Arie Halsband,
General Manager,
IAI/MBT Space Division,
Israel*

An informal beer and networking session commenced after Dr Eui K. Koh gave his closing summary.



The sumptuous lunch and coffee breaks in between also allowed the delegates at the conference to mingle and network. Feedback is that the breaks were strategic and timely. The breaks had been useful not only for networking, but also for the clarifications of doubts and further discussions with earlier speakers.



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Poh Kwee Lin, Director, Business Development,
SingTel Satellite Director
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With the success of SATTECH 2008, and the overwhelming interest and support from its participants in the next Satellite Technology Asia Conference, Defence Technology Conferences is motivated and confident to deliver a better SATTECH 2009.

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