



Press Release

iSLI MSc Students Celebrate Graduation

A Graduation Ceremony has taken place at McEwan Hall, University of Edinburgh, to celebrate the achievements of MSc students from the Institute for System Level Integration (iSLI). Thirteen students attended the graduation ceremony where 7 were awarded the MSc, 3 were awarded the MSc with Distinction and 3 were awarded a Post Graduate Diploma.

Before the ceremony, a Prize Giving lunch, held at iSLI, was attended by graduates and their families, iSLI staff and students. Prizes were presented to the students who achieved the MSc with Distinction. The Scottish Enterprise prize was presented to Grzegorz Login by iSLI's Chairman, Michael Kay. The iSLI prize was conferred by Tony Harker, CEO of iSLI, to Nanda Kumar Thangaram and the Mentor Graphics prize was awarded to Partha Maji by Graeme Jessiman, Regional Applications Engineer for Mentor Graphics.

Commenting on the event, CEO of iSLI Tony Harker said, "I am delighted for our MSc graduates, they have worked extremely hard and it has been a very special day for them, their families and staff at iSLI. I wish them all great success in their future careers."

The Masters course in System Level Integration (MSc) provided by iSLI is an intensive one year course where students interact with iSLI's own design team, giving new graduates a realistic commercial workplace experience. Companies who have sponsored students or projects include ARM Ltd, Ateeda Ltd, Elonics and Nallatech. Lectures are provided by staff from the four partner universities and by invited speakers from industry. To demonstrate the value placed by industry on iSLI graduates, many have been employed by multinational companies such as Xilinx, Analog Devices, 3Com, National Semiconductor and Atmel.

iSLI supports the development of electronics systems design worldwide and encourages the exploration of new technologies through research. By producing highly skilled design engineers and researchers the iSLI is helping to meet the needs of the rapidly changing global electronics industry. Scientists and engineers contribute significantly to the economic health of a nation and iSLI aims to attract the brightest and most creative minds to maintain the supply of highly skilled science and engineering students to the global electronics industry.

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Editors' notes:

Founded in 1998, iSLI (the Institute for System Level Integration) provides postgraduate education, professional training and research in system level integration incorporating cross over technologies such as hardware, embedded software, MNT/MEMS.

A collaboration of the computing science, informatics and electronic engineering departments of the universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heriot-Watt and Strathclyde, and Scottish Enterprise, the Institute is the first centre of excellence in system level integration to be established worldwide. Its aim is to support the development of electronics systems design worldwide and to encourage the exploration of new technologies through research.

iSLI's operations are underpinned by funding from Scottish Enterprise, UK Central Research and HE funding agencies, and substantial sponsorship funding, including "expert in-kind support" from companies in the microelectronics industry.

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