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ICS Directors Raise Money for Charity

On 19th September, David Tyler (non-exec Chairman of ICS) set out to complete a 10 mile Nordic Walk around Milton Keynes to raise money for 3 charities, the British Heart Foundation, the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust and the specialist Colorectal Team at Milton Keynes Hospital. He went on to complete a total of 13 miles and raised well over his target of £1600. Well done David!



On 24th October, our Business Development Director, Alan Christie, took part in the Great South Run, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. He also raised over his target, exceeding £300 in sponsorship. Well done Alan!

ICS Merge with Altman Technologies

We are delighted to announce that Integrated Card Solutions and Altman Technologies have merged with effect from 1st November 2010.

The combined business will continue to focus on its leading-edge solutions in the area of print and copy management where we provide unrivalled functionality and can now offer expanded national on-site engineering and support services. We also have dedicated focus for our other pioneering cost saving solutions for email and web filtering, advanced voice management, network security management, ID card systems and access control.

Now working as one team, the management of both companies believe it is a perfect fit between the two organisations and should help us deliver even greater value to our customers in the future.

In the short term, both ICS and Altman Technologies will continue to trade under their existing brands as subsidiaries under a new holding company - it will be business as usual from day one in terms of the service you currently receive and the contacts you have with each business.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us at your convenience - we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the exciting opportunities that this union provides.

XPR Enterprise® WebPay and Goldsmiths College

In the last edition of the Alert we announced the launch of our XPR Enterprise® WebPay and we are delighted to report that one of our major customers - Goldsmiths College - has already seen the benefit of using this service. Students are now able to pay from anywhere at any time by logging on to the WebPay portal which has been customised for Goldsmiths. The college has experienced an immediate 30% reduction in cash handling in first two weeks.

"The recent implementation of WebPay was straightforward and has added great value to our student experience"

Rachael Johnson

Head of User Services at Goldsmiths

WINNER OF ICS CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The winner of the £250 voucher for DeVere Venues is Emma Manning from DeMontfort University. After her initial reaction of "Blimey O'Riley!!!" she was "delighted to be chosen". Congratulations Emma, your voucher is on it's way!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey, your responses will allow us to improve our services to you in the future

ICS Sponsor Bucks New University Apprentice Challenge

We are proud to be sponsoring a team of students from our local University during their Enterprise Festival. Our team, named 'Sink or Swim', are taking part in a profit-making challenge, their first of 3 challenges, selling doughnuts in the local area. Fingers crossed that they do well!



Did You Know?

The Future.....It really is in our hands!

The often daunting idea of Biometrics is increasingly becoming a larger and more prominent part of the market for businesses to consider, and none more than within the Print & Copy Control Solution market. The original, older disposable style cards have been made redundant and have been replaced by hard wearing rechargeable 'value on account' cards.

Now the idea going forward seems to be "Why carry additional cards etc, when you can use your individual, non-replicable, personal ID in the form of your fingerprint or veins?"



How do they work?

Biometric identification, including fingerprint and palm vein reading, need users to register their data into a system where it is stored as a unique code. When needed, this is brought forward to compare against the presented data and a match will allow access to the relevant use.

How may it affect me?

Indications for use of Biometric Identification are showing a very diverse and seemingly limitless reach of applications. Certainly at the moment industries open to this concept range from Library Management Systems to Access Control with hints that the Banking industry may well be thinking about this in the long term. Poland's BPS SA bank set a European milestone by installing their first biometric cash machine in Warsaw in May 2010 and these are already being widely used in Japan.

As part of our XPR Enterprise® product range, ICS is developing a finger print reader based on vein technology for use as authentication of users and print release which will be available within the next few months. For more information please visit www.ics-limited.co.uk or call us on 01494 565066.



Suite of Products

XPR Enterprise® SecurePrint

This is a simple-to-use solution for securely managing print release. It stores each print job in a queue at the requested printer until it is 'told' to print using the authorised swipe-card of the sender.

SecurePrint ensures that print is produced on-demand, straight into the hands of the right person – it won't get read, go missing or get mixed up with any other print jobs. It is designed to work with Pcounter, it is quick & easy to install and uses a discreet card reader.

XPR Enterprise® Point of Sale (PoS)

PoS is designed for taking payment from individuals for any reprographic service. It allows for variable tariffs to be set and controlled centrally. It directly charges an individual account, removing the requirement for cash to be handled or paperwork completed.

It is ideal for any print or reprographic room where a wide range of services or products are offered. It is designed to work with Pcounter and the ICS XPR Enterprise® Management Suite.



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