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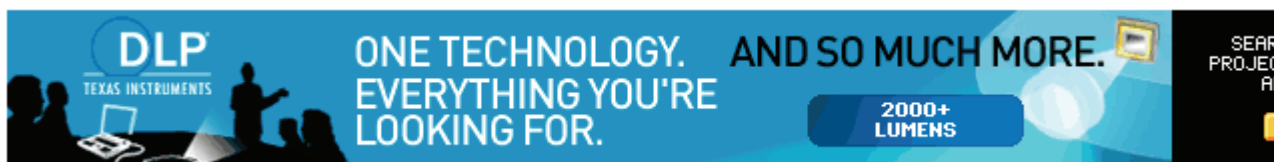
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Industry News

InFocus CEO Steps Down

Kyle C. Ranson, InFocus President & CEO, leaves the company to pursue other interests, effective immediately. Joseph O'Sullivan, VP Global Operations and GM Asia Sales is acting COO while the Board of Directors searches for a successor CEO.



In Oct. 2006, the company retained a bank to conduct "an ongoing evaluation into

strategic alternatives for the company," the corporate equivalent of putting up a "For Sale" sign.

The Board of Directors still believes the company has numerous core strengths, including its brand position, installed base, strong market share, and key relationships with suppliers and channel partners around the world. While the Board of Directors is continuing its review of strategic alternatives, it expects O'Sullivan and the team to focus on leveraging those strengths to drive operational performance improvements.

For more info, go to [Ranson Leaves](#)

EduComm 2007 to be Keynoted by David Pogue and Alan Kay

Professional Media Group LLC, producer of the EduComm Conference at InfoComm announces two keynote speakers for the EduComm07 Conference, to be held June 19 - 21 in Anaheim.



David Pogue is the personal-technology columnist for *The New York Times* and an award-winning tech correspondent for *CBS News*.

Alan Kay, a personal computing visionary, is responsible for much of how we interact with technology, from graphical interface and the laptop computer to client servers and P2P networking.

EduComm is co-located with InfoComm. As part of the conference, attendees can also explore the EduComm "Tomorrow's Classroom - Today."

This special area of the exhibit floor will provide an in-depth look at the latest technologies from EduComm including Anystream Apreso, Dell, Extron Electronics, Sonic Foundry and SMART Technologies.

For registration info, go to [EduComm](#)

NSCA's Lifetime Achievement for Shure's Schroeder

Mr. Sandy Schroeder has been named as the 2007 recipient of the NSCA Lifetime Achievement Award, given annually to an individual making exceptional contributions to the industry.

Schroeder, who has spent most of his long and celebrated career holding a number of marketing and sales titles at Shure, accepted the award during a special presentation made at this year's President's Reception at NSCA Expo in Orlando.

May 31st of this year is his last day with Shure before officially retiring.



For more details, go to [NSCA](#)



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Projection & Screens

Christie's New HD 3D Projectors Up Resolution 41%

Christie, again taking a leadership role in yet another vertical market, announced the Christie Mirage HD Series, the first native 1920 x 1080 HD, 3-chip DLP projectors with active stereo. Christie says the series has 41% more resolution than previous 3D projection technology.

The company says its new platform allows images to be powered at 120Hz from a regular workstation computer - full, true HD stereo images can be powered by basically any computer graphic card.

There are four models in the series. The Mirage HD3 is specified at 2,800 ANSI lumens, the Mirage HD6 at 6,000 ANSI lumens, the Mirage HD8 at 8,000 ANSI lumens, and the Mirage HD10 at 17,500 ANSI lumens. They can be used as single projector systems, or scale up to high-end multi-projector systems.

Accessories include ChristieTWIST image warping and edge-blending module, input modules for dual SD/HD and legacy interface modules, and HD lenses.

For more info, go to [Christie Mirage](#)

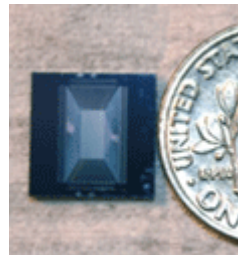


Panorama Labs: Magneto-Photonic Crystal Projector Operational

Panorama Labs has successfully built and operated its first magneto-photonic projector. This is a small-scale digital projector built to demonstrate this new technology, which doesn't use LCDs or micro-mirrors. This uses a micro display light engine based on the principle of magneto-optical switching. Magneto-optical technology is actually best known as a storage technology, by the way.

The company hopes the platform will be used for digital cinema projectors, rear projection TVs, home theater projectors, commercial displays, mass storage, and telecom switching devices. They expect it to compete with LCD, LCoS, and plasma in digital display, and DLP in theatrical display.

For more information, go to [MO Projectors](#)



Free Euro Workshop on Emerging & Industrial DLP Applications

Visitech AS, Texas Instruments and In-Vision Digital Imaging GmbH offer a free workshop in June on Emerging & Industrial DLP Applications.

A wide range of DLP chips sets with different resolutions is now available to be used in emerging industrial applications. Production is faster, easier and more cost effective than before.

Location: Munich (Laser - World of Photonics 2007 Fairgrounds), Conference Room KA 42

Date and time: June 20, 2007, 15:00 - 18:00 h.


Registration: Free of charge



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Displays

Pioneer in "Project KURO," New Plasma Displays

Pioneer launches a global marketing and product initiative called "Project KURO" (Kuro is black in Japanese) to highlight Pioneer's deep-black plasma expertise while the company expands its higher-end market message across all product categories.

Executives say the newly re-engineered system "produces the deepest blacks of any other flat panel displays."

Pioneer unveiled in USA eight models under the Pioneer and Elite brands. Each brand will carry two XGA models in the 42" and 50" screen sizes and two full 1080p models in the 50- and 60" screen sizes.

All new models will feature a panel with a new cell structure, a new filter and a new video processor.

After re-engineering its plasma technology at the direction of its CEO, Pioneer will now try to bring the global marketing practices in line.

For more info, go to [Project KURO in Europe](#)



Samsung Wins SID Award with 40" LCD TV with LED Backlighting

Samsung won the Society for Information Display (SID) Gold Award for Display of the Year with a 40-inch LCD TV with LED backlighting that the company says



generates up to a 10,000:1 contrast ratio (5X higher than LCD sets with more conventional CCFL backlighting.)

Samsung also showed a 70" LCD TV, which it said is "the largest LCD TV panel for mass production." The features a proprietary 120Hz McFi (motion-compensated frame interpolation) technology, to refresh the n images at 2X speed of conventional 60Hz models.

For more info, go to [Samsung LE40M91B](#)



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WiFi Alliance OKs 802.11n Gear

"Draft N," will make its way into consumer products by this summer as the Wi-Fi Alliance has begun certifying routers, networking cars and microchips running on the 802.11n, which itself has yet to reach final certification. "N" is expected to run 5X faster with 2X the range than the previous "G" WiFi.



The Alliance also unveils a re-designed consumer logo for Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 802.11n Draft 2.0 products, while announcing the products and reference designs that will comprise its test bed for interoperability certification.

For more info, go to [New 802.11n](#)



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Control & Integrator Solutions

Almost the Largest Quarter Ever for Voting Handsets

Quarter 1 2007 was the 2nd largest quarter ever for Voting handsets

- Over 50% volume growth year on year
- Voting systems market forecast to be valued at almost \$400M by 2009
- USA accounts for over 85% of the Voting handsets sold
- In UK there are large expectations for the next 3 quarters
- In Asia large growth in 2006, and major expansion expected in 2008 onwards

For more info, go to [Voting Handsets](#)



New Optional DVI I/O for Broadcast Pix Slate Switchers

Broadcast Pix is bringing to InfoComm a new DVI input/output board for its Slate switcher line. The modular Slate input/output architecture has three I/O boards, including: SD digital, analog, and HD for 720p and 1080i later this year. The new DVI board will add both a DVI input and a DVI output and includes adapters for VGA I/O. The new DVI or VGA output will enable Slate switchers to feed a high-resolution signal directly to a projector.



Slate is often used with inputs from laptops via an 'S' video input, says the company, and the new DVI or VGA input will enable a high-resolution input from a computer.

For more info, go to [Broadcast Pix](#)

Mayville's New ProAV Racks

Mayville Products is bringing a new range of racks to InfoComm. The Stantron brand of racks and accessories, to be shown at the show, include the Presentation Rack, new PowerMount system for thin power strips, and a new range of cable management options. These systems, along with a range of products for lighting and cooling, offer either ready-to-use or customizable rack solutions.

The Stantron Presentation Rack is mobile, designed for classrooms, conference rooms and board rooms. The PowerMount system is for mounting vertical power strips within the rack. This is a nice design -- PowerMount systems offer a 180 degree swivel feature to rotate the power strip during maintenance or integration. The entire strip can face the front, middle or back of the cabinet. The rotating feature also reduces bends in cabling, and more power can be added as needed.



For more info, go to [Mayville](#)

Digital Signage

Minicom with Player-to-Screen Distribution at Digital Signage Expo

Minicom shows its newest generation of player-to-screen digital signage solutions at the Digital Signage Expo in Chicago.. Minicom will be highlighting its DS Vision 3000, a CATx-based distribution system for delivering HD video and stereo-audio to multiple screens up to 1,000 feet. The DS Vision has serial management for remote query and power on/off and control of player-to-screen signal transfer.

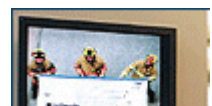
Also on display will be the DS OpticVision, a long range, optical fiber extension and distribution system that extends multimedia transmission by up to 19 miles between the media player and LCD/plasma screens. It does this, says the company, without loss of signal. Nice.

For more info, go to [Minicom](#)



Digital Signage Products from Planar at Digital Signage Expo

Planar will show a prototype display of its CoolSign-enabled Integrated Sign solution, a new all-in-one kiosk solution, and a range of rear projection and LCD monitors and touch screens for indoor or outdoor environments.



The prototype of the new iS40 Integrated Sign display appliance will be shown with a 40-inch display and uses the CoolSign digital signage content software. The iS40 will ship later this year.

The DS15 is an all-in-one integrated kiosk using a flat-panel touchscreen and an optional magnetic stripe Reader. As for the new commercial displays, the 57-inch m57L, which began shipping in March, is a direct monitor. The 40-inch Bobcat X LCD is for standalone applications. They will also show the 46-inch Bay Ca inch rear-projection monitor.

For more info, go to [Planar Prototype](#)

Conferencing

OKI Acquires TCBT's Visual Nexus

Oki Electric Industry signs an agreement with TCB Technologies Corp. to acquire TCBT's Visual Nexus bus software-based video conferencing system. Starting June 2007, OKI will add Visual Nexus to its IP solution lineup to offer to enterprise users in Japan, and over time, to the global market.

"Acquiring the Visual Nexus business is in line with our strategy to strengthen OKI's IP communications solution business, as Next Generation Networks (NGN) is expected to expand in full scale among telecom carriers, Kawasaki, Senior VP at Oki Electric Industry. "This agreement will enable OKI to continue to provide IP solutions that contribute to the success of enterprises, who are seeking to reduce costs, improve productivity and enhance their competitive edge."



For more info, go to [OKI](#)

Special Feature

10 Reasons to Attend the Manufacturer's Forum at InfoComm

by Gary Kayye, CTS

10. Just look at the panelists. Heck, just having Andrew Edwards, founder of Extron, and George Feldstein, founder of Crestron, on the panel together is reason in itself to go.

9. I think I will sit George and Andrew next to each other.

8. Harman's Michael MacDonald will be there and his \$5 billion company was purchased last month for \$8 billion.

7. What else are you going to do Monday afternoon before the big pre-show party?

6. The panelists don't get the questions before the event - making their comments unscripted.

5. Extron's new dealer policy has caused quite a stir in the market and the person who created it will be on the panel!

4. The HD videoconferencing market has taken off but now Cisco is banging on the ProAV door. Consider what Tandberg president Rick Snyder thinks of the IT giant's plan.



3. Christie Digital is one of the oldest projector manufacturers in the market, have one of the most dealer channels and they're still profitable. How'd they do it?
2. You (the audience) get to ask questions of the panelists!
1. I will make an announcement that will SHOCK you!

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Well, that's it for this edition of rAve Europe! Thank you for spending time with us as we follow the industry happenings.

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