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1-2-1 MEETINGS HAILED A GREAT SUCCESS



Allancia was delighted to support the Welsh Assembly Government's, New Technologies in Healthcare conference by supplying a CONNECT 1-2-1 at Events meeting management system to handle the organisation and delivery of the events delegate 1-2-1 'brokerage' meetings.

The conference, which was held in the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on May the 13th, was focused on the application of new technologies in healthcare, highlighting key advances and practical applications of Radio frequency identification (RFID) and Micro and nanotechnology (MNT). 116 delegate organisations registered for the brokerage meetings which ran from 11.30 till 5pm on Wednesday the 13th May. Those delegate organisations used the Allancia designed event website www.partners4healthcare.com to make over 230 separate 1-2-1 meeting requests.

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Wales' Deputy First Minister highlighted the 1-2-1 meeting option in the Forward of the event programme. He said, "For the first time the conference is offering delegates the opportunity to meet potential business partners and academics right across Europe in pre arranged one-to-one meetings to discuss the take up of new technologies, which could result in a number of exciting collaborations and commercial projects being agreed on for the healthcare sector in Wales."

The system that was used to deliver the meeting organisation was Allancia's 'CONNECT 1-2-1 at Events' meeting management solution.

Phil Eadon, Managing Director of The Allancia Group said, "I was delighted that the Welsh Assembly Government and their event management company LSM Consultancy decided to select Allancia and our CONNECT 1-2-1 solution to handle the organisation and delivery of the delegate 1-2-1 brokerage meetings."

"Allancia prides itself on providing a first class personal service to ensure each and every delegate maximises the opportunities provided by attending the event. Now people attending events such as the New Technologies in Healthcare conference can get to meet the people they want to meet in a series of organised face to face appointments."

For further details about CONNECT 1-2-1 at Events meeting management system and how a CONNECT 1-2-1 delegate brokerage session could compliment your next conference, please contact Phil Eadon, Managing Director, The Allancia Group, on + 44 (0) 191 415 7340 or e-mail him at phil.eadon@allancia.com

ENTEC LEADS UK IN - SITU BIODEGREATION TECHNIQUE

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Entec has co-ordinated the first UK commercial application of in-situ augmented bioremediation of historic chlorinated solvent contamination. The site in question belongs to a client committed to environmental stewardship who actively proceeded with voluntary remediation of Trichloroethene (TCE) within their site. In-situ technologies have been emerging particularly in the United States and the client was keen to utilise the innovative technique they used in the USA.

TCE is a degreaser resistant to chemical degradation and is acknowledged as one of the most persistent and widespread groundwater contaminants in the UK. TCE is carcinogenic and problematic to remediate because of its complex spreading patterns and ability to migrate long distances in groundwater. Conventional remediation technologies can be both environmentally and economically unsustainable. Entec's response to tackling this issue was to design a localised remediation program, along with the contractor Vertase F.L.I, to greatly reduce the concentration of dissolved TCE in the groundwater beneath the site.

Following a review of site risks and the active operations at the facility, it was concluded that the most favourable approach would be monitored natural attenuation (MNA) with enhanced augmented bioremediation to facilitate the remediation within a reasonable timeframe.

Specialist bacteria capable of complete dechlorination of chloroethenes to a non-toxic ethane were found on the site, however the population size found was considered negligible. To avoid potential stalling, commercial cultures of the bacteria were sourced and an organic substrate was introduced to feed the bacteria. This in turn created hydrogen which stimulated anaerobic bioremediation.

The overall objective of the remediation works is to create a low oxygen reducing environment in the groundwater to facilitate growth of the indigenous and introduced bacteria. By using groundwater recirculation systems to facilitate amendment of the groundwater and distribute the organic substrate the process will completely remove all TCE from the site.

Entec is on track to have validated results available to enter the project into the Brownfield Briefing Innovation Awards 2009 for the categories of best use of a single remediation treatment technique and most innovative remediation method.

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