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& Cable Industry Young Person of the Year Award. **Cimteq** is delighted to announce that **Alun Owens**, one of its newest Support Team Leads, has been announced as the award winner.

The cable industry, like many other manufacturing industries, has found it difficult to recruit staff at the skills levels needed to build the smart factories of the future. This new awards program wishes to reflect the efforts of the next

generation of talent.

Owens was announced as winner at the IWMA Industry Lunch at **Mere Golf Resort and Spa**, Knutsford, UK, on February 5, 2020. He will benefit from a prize of £500 as well as his name and that of Cimteq being promoted to hundreds of IWMA member companies across the globe.

As well as being under the age of 30 and being with his company for at least

a period of 12 months, Owens needed to display a number of qualities to qualify: a significant and sustained contribution



to his organization and work colleagues; a commitment to company objectives above and beyond that normally expected at their level; and enthusiasm for their own professional development.



**Robert Douglass**, Cimteq's Operations Director, explains why Alun proved such a worthy winner, "While Alun's programming skills are unquestionably of a high standard, it's the way in which he applies himself that makes him such an impressive colleague. He's only a couple of years into his career following his BSc in Computer Gaming and Programming Skills at Glyndwr University and yet he has already developed an innate understanding of how to match software functionality to real-world business requirements.

"Winning this award is a great achievement for Alun. His hard work and dedication at Cimteq is very much appreciated. Well done!"

Owens added: "It's really exciting! I'm blown away by my employer taking the time to nominate me; it's made me feel hugely valued. Even to have made the shortlist I see as a real achievement, but to win is something else!"

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### CRU to Host Strategic Discussions at Its Flagship Conference

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its flagship *CRU Wire & Cable Conference* in London, June 8 to 10, 2020. This year's conference includes industry thought leaders addressing some of the most pressing issues facing the global wire and cable industry. The industry keynote presentation will be given by **Professor Anand Menon**, Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at **Kings College London**, on the economic impact of the UK government's Brexit proposals, followed by a Q&A with a CRU expert on the implications for wire and cable producers and consumers. **Professor Menon**, as Director of The UK in a Changing Europe, an award-winning academic think tank on Brexit, has been one of the UK's leading experts on Brexit developments.

An energy presentation will be given by **Antonella Battaglini** on the role of the global cable making industry in enabling wind and solar grid integration. Antonella is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI), a unique collaboration

of European NGOs/TSOs that promotes transparent, environmentally sensitive grid development to enable further steady growth of renewable energy and the energy transition. She will be joined by **Mike Lee**, Head of Asset Management, Transmission Investment, who will provide an operator's perspective on the challenges being faced in the evolution of Offshore Transmission in the UK.

**Professor Sir David Payne** will discuss communication and explore the future of fiber technology. A world-class pioneer of technology whose work has had a great impact on telecommunications and laser technology, Sir David is Chairman Emeritus, **The Marconi Society** and Director of the **Optoelectronics Research Centre, University of Southampton**.

They will be joined by on the agenda by senior representatives of leading wire and cable manufacturers, speakers that have already confirmed include **Pratik Agarwal**, Managing Director, **Sterlite Power Transmission Company**; **Axel**

**Schlumberger**, Senior Vice President, **Southwire**; and **Richard Antic**, Vice President Business Development, **Champlain Cable**.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, this important industry forum attracts over 200 senior executives including the leading cable producers, and wider, the insulated wire and cable supply chain.

"With the event set to take place in London for the first time in its history, so close to CRU's headquarters, the conference will offer the best opportunity to gain face time with these industry leaders and CRU experts from across our wire, fiber, copper, aluminum and economics teams," commented **Nicola Coslett**, CEO, **CRU Events**.

The conference also offers the perspectives of cable makers from around the world, alongside distributors and other industry leaders on the challenges and opportunities faced in specific regions or specialty products markets. Other companies confirmed on the agenda include **Southwire**, **Champlain**



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The *CRU Wire & Cable Conference* will be held at **Leonardo Royal London St Paul's**, London, England. [www.crugroup.com/events](http://www.crugroup.com/events)

### Rainbow Rubber and Plastics is Newest WCISA® Member

WCISA®, Wire & Cable Industry Suppliers Association®, Akron, OH, USA, has announced **Rainbow Rubber and Plastics, Inc.**, 113 Dries Road, Reading, PA 19533, USA (Toll Free: +1 888 438 2446), as a new WCISA member company.

Contact **Jonathan Rufe** via email at [JRufe@rainbowbelts.com](mailto:JRufe@rainbowbelts.com) to learn more about this material supplier to the wire and cable industry. The company provides belting and other component parts for the extrusion pro-



cess. [www.rainbowbelts.com](http://www.rainbowbelts.com)

WCISA is a nonprofit corporate membership organization of North American suppliers of machinery, materials and accessories used for making all types of wire and cable. [www.wcisaonline.org](http://www.wcisaonline.org)

### EV Charging Cables Market Worth \$1.8 Billion by 2027

The “EV Charging Cables Market by Power Supply Type (AC/DC), Application Type (Private Charging, Public Charging), Length (2 Meters to 5 Meters, 6 Meters to 10 Meters, Above 10 Meters), Shape, Charging Level, Region-Global Forecast to 2027”, report was added to **ResearchAndMarkets’** offering. The global EV charging cables market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 31.8%, to reach US\$1808 million by 2027 from an estimated US\$198 million in 2019. The major players in the EV

charging cables market are **LEONIAG** (Germany), **TE Connectivity** (Switzerland) and **Aptiv** (Ireland).

Increasing adoption of electric vehicles and increased demand for fast-charging stations are anticipated to trigger the growth of the EV charging cables market.

Factors such as increasing adoption of electric vehicles, the rapid development of electric vehicle supply equipment and increasing demand for fast charging cables would drive the growth of the market. On the other hand, the high operational costs associated with high power charging can negatively impact the market. High power charging cables require high power from the grid, which adds to the cost of production, installation and components in a charging station.

The AC charging segment is estimated to be the largest market during the forecast period.

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