



CMA-E Conference, Zurich, April 27 and 28.

On April 27 and 28 CMA Europe held its annual conference in Zurich, Switzerland; it was attended by 30 delegates representing 11 countries. The event was superbly hosted by Swissphone at their offices. The agenda was topical, interesting, informative and the content was quite fascinating. The whole thing was a total success.

The first day was very demanding with presentations from Angelo Saccoccio (Swissphone, Switzerland), on the state of paging in Europe, which is very healthy; Rupert Johnson (Multitone, UK), on Europe's Radio Equipment Directive (RED) and the progress we have made in developing new specifications for pagers and transmitters; Chris Jones (PageOne, UK) on the TRIPLE redundancy they are providing for the UK's Emergency Services; Ilan Friedland (Beeper, Israel) on the National Alerting System they have provided for ANY widespread or National emergency; and lastly on day one we had a presentation from Harald Ludwig (Arico Technologies, Austria) on "Public Safety Communication & LTE Technologies: Opportunities for POCSAG?". Overall the first day was really hard work but a remarkably informative day.

Then we all paid a visit to the Lindt & Sprüngli chocolatier in Kilchberg where we all tried our skills at making chocolates and then on dinner at "Chez Fritz". The evening was great, great fun and gave a fine opportunity for the usual networking.

The second day was equally informative with a presentation from David Villacastin (TPL, France) on the use of Sigfox or Lora as a back channel for paging; and finally, Philipp Zimmerman and Dominik Schweiz (both from Swissphone) led round tables on "Lobbying" and "Redundancy and Resilience in Networks".

The whole event was rounded off with a tour of Swissphone's manufacturing facility and a presentation on their sQuad pager.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Swissphone for hosting and helping to organize the conference, the presenters and to all the delegates who made the conference such a great success.

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