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# Physical Security Interoperability Alliance Newsletter

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## **PSIA shows commercial versions of PLAI** *Demo at ISC West 2018*

The PSIA successfully demonstrated PLAI to a standing room only crowd at ISC West 2018 in Las Vegas. More than 150 registered for the event, a testament to the growing interest in PLAI and its application in enterprise security applications. One of the primary use cases for PLAI is sharing identities across disparate PACS systems. **Johnson Controls** (Software House), **Kastle Systems**, and **Princeton Identity** demonstrated this with commercial-grade implementations of PLAI adapters.



Of particular significance was a commercial PLAI Agent, which will be available this month to any company with interest in implementing this technology. The PLAI Agent was developed jointly by Johnson Controls and Dublin, Ireland-based **Cruatech**, a new member of the PSIA.

Identity management has become a more critical feature of security systems. Finding ways to manage credentials, permissions, limit duplication of records, and eliminating “orphans” left over when an employee leaves a company is essential. PLAI, an open standard, has been designed to address many of these issues.

PLAI also showed its new user interface, which provides a “skin” which is easy to read and monitor the status of the identity management system. Enterprise customers will find this an effective way to monitor their system and be assured that employee records are synchronized across a company’s security ecosystem.

The PSIA has seen growing momentum for commercial implementations of PLAI. Already the **U.S. Department of Justice**, **The Washington Post**, and **Corporate Executive Board** (CEB) have utilized PLAI. In addition, **Microsoft** is planning to incorporate PLAI into their security ecosystem. There is a growing list of other organizations which are planning PLAI implementations in the government, financial services, electronics, industrial, and bottling industries.

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## **AMAG Technology joins the PSIA Board** *Company Plans to Implement PLAI*

AMAG, one of the security industry’s leading PACS vendors, has announced plans to join the PSIA. The company, headquartered in Torrance, California, is a diversified supplier of solutions to the access control, video management, identity management, visitor management, intrusion management and incident and case management markets. AMAG is a wholly owned subsidiary of G4S plc, the world’s leading global integrated security company, which has operations on six continents and 570,000 employees.

“We recognized that our customers were asking for PLAI, so we felt it important to not only join the PSIA, but also the Board, in order to become actively engaged in the development of this specification,” said Stuart Tucker, Vice President, Enterprise Solutions at AMAG Technology. “We have customers who have the need for a solution like PLAI today and we expect to expedite development of an Adapter to support this.”

The PSIA is seeing momentum for the PLAI spec with Board members **Johnson Controls (Software House)**, **Kastle Systems**, **Lenel**, and **Princeton Identity** having already developed adapters and **EyeLock** has PLAI development on their road map.

“We are finding growing interest not only from the larger PACS vendors, but the second tier vendors who recognize that a PLAI implementation could be critical for keeping them part of an enterprise

customer's security ecosystem," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA. "We are likely to reach a tipping point this year, where enterprise customers will expect PLAI to be included in their PACS system, driving further growth of this specification and the PSIA."

For more information on joining the [PSIA](#), click the link.

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## Enhanced PSIA Test Tools Available

### *Cruatech provided an upgrade to the PLAI tools*

The PSIA announces an enhanced set of test tools for the PLAI specification. The driver behind updating the tool is to make it as easy and intuitive as possible for vendors to adopt the standards. "Effective test tools are critical for a specification to achieve true interoperability," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA. "We recognized that as the PLAI specification has evolved we needed to advance our tools to complement it."

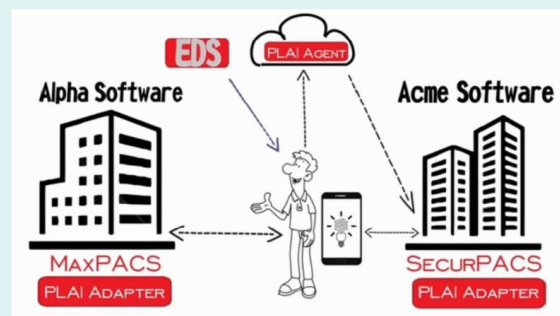
The PSIA collaborated with **Cruatech**, a Dublin, Ireland based firm, which has been active in the security industry, working with a wide range of customers on software services and integrations. **Cruatech** not only upgraded the tools to support the current version of the PLAI specification, but also added an enhanced user interface, which provides more information and in a graphical format, which will be easier to use by developers.

**Cruatech** will provide support for the tools to assure they effectively comply with the PLAI specification. "By creating a standard process and backing it up with code samples and documentation we hope that manufacturers will achieve compliance and begin seeing the commercial benefits sooner," said David King, Managing Director of **Cruatech**.

To receive the new PLAI Test tool implementation zip package, please email [dmaguire@psialliance.org](mailto:dmaguire@psialliance.org)

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## What is PLAI??



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