# A note from the Chairman…

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Dear Member/Guest    ## International i-Power Conference 2015
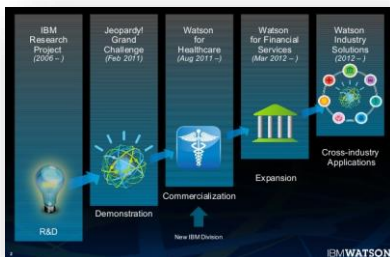
Here we are again, ready to start the International i-Power Conference for 2015 at the Wyboston Lakes Conference Center in Bedfordshire and, yet again, we have a great, two-day event to bring to you.

This year, we have increased the number of educational sessions with some exceptional topics covering SQL Awesomeness, IBM POWER Performance Management – *for free*, using the Row & Column Access Control (RCAC) as well as how to run Open Source software right on your IBM i.

This year we have a special user guest – the NSPCC! Yes, an organization that relies on its POWER platform running IBM i just as much as you do. Straight after early evening drinks with the sponsors on Wednesday the 9th, they will give us a short overview of their use of the platform and the benefits they have managed to get from its use. This is followed by some very interesting entertainment and refreshments on into the evening. It is this, quality user time where we often hear that delegates pick up information from the various experts - or indeed other like-minded users – that can be the total justification for coming in the first place.

The second day sees a 4-stream conference programme covering topics from Cloud, through Security, additional workloads on the Platform - including Linux workloads, new Storage options and another shot at an overview of the new RCAC. Again, we are blessed with a range of popular and expert speakers from IBM Rochester, IBM UK and Technical Authors from the PowerWIRE e-zine like our own Steve Bradshaw and Paul Touhy. This is accompanied by a full Sponsor Expo where IBM will be showcasing the application of real-life benefits that come from the WATSON technology, live on stand.

Particularly welcome this year are a further two User presentations featuring the new POWER8. Robin Irvine, Global CIO from ABP Food Group, will cover the move from a range of POWER5/6 servers onto a matched pair of POWER8 servers in a Private Cloud arrangement that is both highly effective and saves the company a considerable amount of money. Christopher Nieper, MD of David Nieper, will speak about the advantages gained by moving to POWER8 which has contributed to this family business being the envy of its competitors.

The day is opened by Alison Butterill, no stranger to the UK IBM scene and a strong supporter of our i-UG group. Alison, now the World Wide Manager for the IBM i offering will help position IBM and POWER and set the tone for the Conference. Alison will also deliver a session on the future of POWER a little later.

As always, the Sponsors have stepped up to the plate and will stand up and be counted. We will run the very popular Sponsor Speed-dating at the beginning of the Conference and if you have not seen this before, I can tell you that it is as entertaining as it is informative. Toward the end of the conference, those of you that have visited the booths and entered some of the competitions can join in the draws for a range of prizes covering Apple iWatches through to Apple TVs and a host of hand held tablets etc.

I look forward to welcoming you at the event and to recording another i-UG conference success for 2015. As ever, my thanks go out to the Board, the Committee, our partners - NC Communications, the speakers and especially to the Sponsors, without whom these events would just not be possible.

Regards

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