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SEL Participates in 31st Annual Hands-On Relay School

PULLMAN, WA—March 26, 2014—Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced that the company participated in the 31st Annual Hands-On Relay School (HRS), sponsored by the Washington State University (WSU) Center for Distance and Professional Education and the Western Energy Institute. The week-long program was held on the WSU campus in Pullman, Washington.

The HRS trains protective relay technicians, power plant technicians, and protective relay test specialists in the proper care of protective relays. The professional development course includes lectures and hands-on training in seven focus areas, including special sessions on transmission line protection, advanced transformer protection, and phasor measurement units. More than 211 students attended the training, the highest enrollment to date.

SEL has been a strong supporter and contributor of the HRS since its beginning, lending or donating more than 80 pieces of equipment.



“The Hands-On Relay School is an invaluable tool for SEL as it provides the opportunity for direct interaction with the end users of many of our products,” said Ken Workman, SEL application engineer and a presenter at this year’s HRS. “While engineers generally specify and develop applications for SEL products, it is the technicians and specialists who deploy them in the field and work with them on a daily basis. The Hands-On Relay School is our chance to provide practical training and receive feedback based on the student’s field experiences, which we then use to improve our product designs.”

This year, SEL employees taught four class lectures and instructed five hands-on courses. The company also provided several pieces of equipment for the testing labs. Students and volunteers were invited to SEL for an open house and tour of the manufacturing facility to learn more about the company and its products.

The HRS was started in 1983 by WSU Professor Clifford Mosher. Mosher taught power engineering at WSU from 1973 to 2009 and introduced SEL Founder and President Edmund O. Schweitzer, III, to protective relays at the university.

“He was so good with outreach into the community; he brought the university and industry closer together,” Schweitzer remembers. “If it weren’t for Cliff, there wouldn’t be SEL. He was a dear friend, advisor, and colleague who contributed so much to thousands of students.”

For more information about the HRS, [visit the website](#).

SEL is an employee-owned company that serves the electric power industry worldwide through the design, manufacture, supply, and support of products and services for power system protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering. For 30 years, SEL has offered unmatched local technical support, a worldwide, ten-year product warranty, and a commitment to making electric power safer, more reliable, and more economical.

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