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Profile

Married, 3 children, British citizen. Born Nottingham, England 1962. Lived in Germany since June 1990.

Experience

I.H.A. TV News Agency Germany, Consulting SNG Head Engineer

I was working for IHA GmbH designing new SNG vehicles (commissioned a new Vito based SNG I designed for IHA GmbH, which is now based in London) recommending and purchasing equipment to then modernise/build and maintain/improve their existing vehicles and Studio installations (including upgrading to HD transmission capability), as well as training and helping to recruit truck operators. I also travelled extensively as an SNG engineer, doing site surveys for forthcoming events, and as site coordinator, for example setting up the news operation in Tunis in January 2011, or running 5 simultaneous transmission paths from the WEF in Davos 2013.



Nov. 2010 - Feb. 2013

1999 - Present

Freelance, Own business.

Since no longer working for IHA as of Febuary 2013, I've worked for the EBU as Transmission Engineer & Coordinator in Rome, Technical Manager & Show Director for a corporate broadcast in Istanbul and MCR Engineer & Tech. Coord. for AP GMS in Johannesburg for the Mandela Funeral. And as an SNG Engineer for the German Bundesliga- amongst others!

Over the last 15 years I've worked as a broadcast engineer or Technical Manager for APTN, NBC, CNBC, CNN, NTL and BT as well as for corporate clients, from Munich to Mumbai, Switzerland to Shanghai, Brazil to Berlin, Olympics, dead Popes and live transmissions from inside operating theatres. In the last few years busy in Asia, North America, South America, Africa, India, Australasia, the Middle East and Europe. I've been Engineering Manager and Technical Coordinator responsible for the complete technical solution of multi-camera shows and live broadcasts, video engineer (shading / racks), uplink engineer, maintenance and installation engineer, cameraman, editor, soundman and OB floor manager. I also run a small business doing standards conversions, tape dubs, daily airline in-flight news programming and some multitrack sound recording.

Technical Facilities Manager Worldwide Television News Frankfurt

1990 - 1999

Responsible for the complete technical facilities at WTN's bureau in Frankfurt which initially consisted of PAL and NTSC edit suites, standards conversion and an EBU feed point (1990 - remember SIS?). I was part of the team that I ensured the daily flow of news pictures in and out of Germany and I edited for various broadcasters using the Frankfurt facilities.

During the 90's WTN expanded into Satellite uplinks and with Starbird, the WTN satellite uplink company, I travelled quite extensively working with trucks and flyaway units in Europe and the Middle East, again as Engineer, VT editor and technical coordinator. I was responsible for the installation of a 3.7M Satellite Antenna on the building roof (at Frankfurt Airport...) and then undertook a complete redesign and rebuild of the Frankfurt MCR and edit areas necessitated by the expansion to incorporate fibre and Satellite up and downlink connectivity.

Technicién, for the EBU at EVC Brussels

1988 - 1990

As a member of the team at the EVC I was involved in coordinating all the EBU transmissions (about 50,000 per year then) on both satellite and terrestrial links, as well as having to do short notice planning of urgent transmissions. It also involved VT operations for the EBU news network. The working languages were French and English.

Engineer at the BBC

1983 - 1988

I joined as a direct entry graduate trainee, and after the compulsory training courses I attained a post as an engineer in the Technical Services department. This involved the maintenance of TV and radio studios, VT and telecine areas, outside broadcast vehicles and some smaller scale project design and installation work.

I also worked at the BBCs Engineering Training Department, Wood Norton, as a lecturer for 7 months.

Education

University College Wales, Swansea

1980 - 1983

BSc.(Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. A levels Maths, Physics Chemistry. AO Electronics.

Languages

My languages are English (and American!), German, and French.

Hobbies

I enjoy outdoor sports such as canoeing, cycling and skiing depending on the season(!), as well as Volleyball with a "just for fun" group. And given the chance I play double & electric basses with a couple of bands in the local area.