

***Science and Engineering Council of Santa Barbara:
November Luncheon***

Elephant Bar Restaurant, Thursday November 8, 2007, 12:00-1:30

----- THIS MONTH'S TOPIC -----

**Innovation in the UK: Your Springboard for Global Growth
Nicholas Hooper, British Consulate-General Los Angeles**

With increasing globalization, nations must foster greater innovation if they are to remain competitive. Our presentation will focus on key sectors of innovation in the UK, and how US companies can work with UK Trade and Investment to leverage this excellence in order to meet their global business objectives. With strong protections to intellectual property, a highly skilled workforce, and a strong financial center, the United Kingdom is an ideal springboard for expanding your business."

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**Nicholas Hooper, Vice Consul (Trade & Investment) – Aerospace,
United Kingdom Trade & Investment, British Consulate-General Los Angeles**

Nicholas Hooper currently serves as the Trade and Investment Officer for Aerospace for United Kingdom Trade and Investment (UKTI) at the British Consulate-General in Los Angeles. As a Trade & Investment Officer, Mr. Hooper's role is two-fold. First, he assists US companies in leveraging UK resources to meet their international growth plans. This includes facilitating UK-US business partnerships, providing location assistance, advising on labor and residency requirements, and identifying research alliances at UK universities.

Second, Mr. Hooper provides market assistance to UK-based corporations. In this arena, Mr. Hooper provides market analysis reports, participates in trade shows and other industry events, and builds relationships between key business leaders in the US and UK.



Prior to joining UKTI, Mr. Hooper was a Program Manager for AdelWiggins Group, an aerospace parts supplier, where he worked in new product development. He began his career as a mechanical engineer, working in both the aerospace and pharmaceutical industries.

Mr. Hooper has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

----- OTHER INFORMATION -----



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Reservations not required. **Visit our web page at <http://www.scieng.org>**

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-- near airport administration, in Goleta.

From the Co-Presidents: This month we are pleased to welcome three new individual members: **Duane Bates, Nydia DeNova,** and **Laura Foster.** Please join us in November to discuss business and technology opportunities with our friends "across the pond." Many thanks to those who have referred new members – it is much appreciated. Also, keep an eye out for our upcoming member survey, which is intended to help identify new and interesting topics and speakers. **Tim Murphy and Gary Kravetz**