

Curriculum Vitae

Mike Hall - Broadcast Engineer

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Summary

An experienced broadcast engineer having originally being trained and employed by the BBC I have been working freelance through my own company since 1996. I have worked for several major UK and international broadcasters, and continue to receive repeat bookings to cover prestigious major events such as Olympic Games' and World Cup Football tournaments.

I am competent with technical builds, equipment configuration, commissioning and operation, and am well versed in satellite uplink / downlink and most other MCR and broadcast engineering operations.

Employment History

1996 – present Freelance Broadcast Engineer

Working through my own company of Peppertree Broadcast Ltd I have undertaken work for many clients including; **ABC News, BBC CAR/ICR, EBU Sports Operations, Eutelsat, FORTO, Globecast, Input Media, ITV Sport, The London Studios, Molinaire, MTV, SKY and Telenor.**

Various work has included: -

- Extensive Master Control Room engineering for BBC Resources and SKY (using BNCS systems) and ABC News Intercontinental, (using Omnibus systems).
- Satellite uplinking and downlinking for the busy teleports of Globecast Northern Europe and Telenor using equipment from manufacturers including Tandberg, Scopus, NDS, Nimbra.
- Installation, testing and operation at several major events for various broadcasters, (see below):

May-Jul ITV Sport - 2010 Football World Cup

2010 Working in the International Broadcast Centre, (IBC), building the ITV Sport facility for their High Definition multi-network coverage of the 2010 World Cup. Subsequently leading the MCR team in operations including complex communications requirements and various contribution feeds to the networks' live programming and ITV Sports' clients.

Feb Olympic Broadcasting Services Vancouver - 2010 Winter Olympic Games

2010 Working with EVS IP Director equipment to transmit the HD Olympic News Channel, (ONC), as a summary service for the benefit of rights holding broadcasters at the games.

Jun ITV Sport - Technical Producer 'Euro 2008' Football Championships

2008 Working in the studios of ITV to act as a liaison and technical contact point between the production team and the technical service providers during numerous live studio broadcasts on ITV television.

Sep-Oct The London Studios - 2007 Rugby World Cup TLS Lines

2007 Working as the principle contact point in The London Studios, (TLS), lines department for all Rugby Outside Broadcast and commentary teams. Testing and configuring complicated communications and satellite arrangements to satisfy the complex nature of the coverage of this competition on different ITV networks.

Jun-Jul ITV Sport - Football World Cup Germany 2006

2006 Working as part of a small team responsible for the technical build and operation of the ITV facility within the IBC in Munich. Two weeks of build and configuration was followed by a further four weeks of operation and support to provide coverage to the ITV networks and to ITV's clients.

- Jan-Mar 2006 EBU Sports Operations, Winter Olympic Games. Installation, troubleshooting and operation of the EBU's facility within the Turin IBC prior to and during the competition. Servicing and liaising with the EBU's many clients both within the IBC and at their home countries.
- Aug 2004 EBU Sports Operations, 2004 Summer Olympic Games, Athens. Working on the build, configuration and operation of the EBU facility within the IBC in Greece.
- Jun 2004 EBU Sports Operations / EBS 2004. Working in the host broadcaster MCR on the installation and operation of the equipment, along with the management of the 8 strong operations team for the Euro2004 European Football Championships in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Jul-Aug 2002 BBC Host Broadcaster, Installation, fault finding, operation and maintenance of the IBC master control room from where the world's broadcasters received their images of the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games.
- May-Jul 2002 ITV Sport. Part of a small team responsible for the construction and operation of ITV's facility in the IBC Seoul, for their World Cup 2002 coverage.
- Jan 2002 EBU Sports Operations, 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Salt Lake City. Part of the team responsible for the initial configuration of the EBU's operation within the IBC and subsequent operation of the MCR and Dispatch areas during the competition.
- Jun 2001 BBC, Construction, testing and Engineering co-ordination of the 'Satellite Hub' in BBC TV centre for their Election 2001 programme.
- Sep 2000 EBU Sports Operations, Summer Olympic Games, Sydney; Installation and operation of the EBU's MCR at the IBC of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.
- Jun 2000 ITV Sport, Euro 2000 Football Championships, Amsterdam. MCR operations at ITV's studio in the Amsterdam IBC.
- Dec 99 ABC News; construction and operation of a 3 camera OB in Rome for their millennium night show.
- May 97 BBC, Engineering Co-ordinator of South East Hub for their Election 97 programme.
- 1996-7 Engineering Co-ordination for Channel 4's "Wanted" programme.
- Aug 1996 EBU Sports Operations, Atlanta Olympic Games. Based in the EBU MCR at the IBC in Atlanta working as a VANDA engineer for the 1996 Olympic games.
- Jul 1996 FORTO 96, European Football Championships. Working in the MCR as host broadcaster.
- Dec 95 BBC Network Engineering, BBC Television Centre. Working in BBC Television Centre's busy MCR, (CAR), and International Control rooms, (ICR), during a period of departmental restructuring
- Jun 96 involving the amalgamation of the above two areas.

July 1994 - Dec 1995 Technical Supervisor, Orbit Communications Company

One of four supervisors of a team of twenty-four people working in the MCR and VT areas. I reported directly to the Chief Engineer and was responsible for the management, training, appraisal and welfare of my shift team as well as dealing with the range of problems that a start up operation of this scale presents.

Sept 1989 - July 1994 BBC Studio and Network Engineering

Working in the operational areas of the Master, International and Network Control Rooms as well as a base maintenance area and the TV studios. Duties included electronic maintenance and operational engineering involving frequent periods of acting as the most senior engineer in any one of the above areas.

Qualifications

- BBC Engineering qualified Broadcast Engineer, (BBC ETSI's)
- Upper Second Class Honours Degree (2.1) in Special Mathematics, (University of Hull)

Other

Hold full UK Driving Licence

Programming experience in Visual Basic for Applications (VBA)