

CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

10TH ANNUAL AFRICA POWER AND ELECTRICITY CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION 2008

Africa's Governments, regulators, utilities, investors and IPPs will be discussing ways to meet the energy demand through various expansion projects throughout the Continent at next year's 10th Annual Africa Power and Electricity Congress and Exhibition. The Power Generation World Exhibition is co-located with the Africa Power and Electricity Congress.

To position yourself as a leading supplier of power generation equipment at the Power Generation World Exhibition, call Brian Mallory on (011) 516 4079 or email brian.mallory@terrapinn.co.za.

Date: 15-16 April 2008

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Contact (011) 463 6001

CALIBRATION WORKSHOP

Comtest, supplier of test, measurement and communications equipment and solutions from world leading manufacturers to the Southern African market, recently held a series of countrywide calibration workshops.

John Wilson discussed challenges in the calibration industry and introduced new Fluke products; the 5320A electrical test calibrator; the 9640A precision RF signal source meter; the 8845/46A 6.5 digit bench digital multimeter; infrared thermography products and associated Fluke software. Contact Val Verwer on (011) 254 2200 or email: info@comtest.co.za.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

SEMINAR ON BEST PRACTICES IN LIGHTNING PROTECTION AND EARTHING

Innopro, specialist consultants and solution providers in earthing and lightning protection, in association with Wits University, are presenting one-day industry-briefing seminars on "Best Practices in Lightning Protection and Earthing of Structures and Systems" at various venues around the country in November 2007.

These seminars are accredited for CPD with ECSA by Wits University, and attendees will earn one credit in the compulsory Category 1.

The briefing seminars are aimed at industry practitioners at all levels and will be beneficial to all persons involved in the design, management, insurance, risk assessment and/or maintenance of infrastructure and systems that can be affected or influenced by lightning and related electromagnetic interference. A formal technical qualification is not a prerequisite for attendance or for gaining benefit from the seminar. Booking is essential as limited space is available.

Dates and venues:

Centurion – 15 November

Richards Bay – 22 November

Durban – 23 November

Bloemfontein – 27 November

Contact (012) 667 5151 or training@gafica.com.

CONDITION MONITORING AND INSTRUMENTATION

Microtech Condition Monitoring and Instrumentation has received ECSA accreditation for CPD points – through the South African Institute of Mechanical Engineers (SAI-MechE) – for its following courses:

- Machinery vibration analysis for engineers – 3 CPD points.
- Condition monitoring management – 2 CPD points.

The courses are presented by Clyde Volpe, a founding member of two vibration training organisations in South African and Australia. Through each of these organisations, Clyde has trained over 2 500 people in 13 countries during the past 15 years. His hands-on experience with implementing and setting up vibration analysis programs, combined with other technologies, helps delegates come to terms with the complex concepts and techniques.

Contact Michelle Pretorius on (013) 692 5967/(011) 868 2504 or email info@microtech.co.za to obtain information on when the next courses are scheduled to be held.

FUNDAMENTALS OF MATERIALS AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

This new education programme is aimed at newcomers to the field of materials and operations management and has been

launched by SAPICS, the Association for Operations Management of Southern Africa. The course has four modules:

- Fundamentals of inventory control
- Fundamentals of planning
- Fundamentals of manufacturing control
- Fundamentals of operations management

The course is suitable for professionals involved in inventory and manufacturing control, planning and operations, including planners and supervisors working in these areas, as well as new entrants to this dynamic business and people aligned to the field. If you need a greater understanding of how your job affects the production and on-time delivery of products to customers, this course is for you.

Contact Jenny Froome at 011 805 5677 or email jenny@sapics.org.za.

CITECT TRAINING SCHEDULE 2007

The following courses will be presented:

Citect HMI/SCADA Basic Configuration: 5-7 Nov, 3-5 Dec

CiCode Fundamentals: 8-9 Nov

CitectSCADA Intermediate Networking: 6-7 Dec

Ampla Performance: 12-13 Nov

Ampla Client: 15 Nov

Contact Jannine Fortune (011) 699 6600 or jannine.fortune@citect.com.

PUBLICATIONS

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPORTS FROM TERRAPINN

Terrapinn Business to Business media has a few business insight reports available in the area of energy and information. The reports are:

- The future of clean coal: The impact of new technologies and legislation on the economics of coal-fired power generation.
- Green energy in the US: Renewable investment, capacity growth and future outlook.
- Green energy strategies in European utilities: Renewable growth, green tariffs and R&D in new technologies.

Contact Jen Smith on +44 (0) 161 238 4038 or email: terrapin@terrapinmedia.com.

CONVERGANCE WHITE PAPER

Rockwell Automation has announced the release of a white paper that reveals a snapshot of how manufacturers are beginning to bridge the historic divide between controls engineering and information technology (IT). The paper, based on interviews with a select group of manufacturers representing a broad range of industries, identifies the organisational and business process challenges involved with IT and engineering convergence, and outlines the potential business benefits available to companies as they move further along the path to convergence.

This white paper was commissioned by Rockwell Automation and authored by analyst firm Industry Directions and consultant firm Systems Innovation Management.

For a copy of the paper visit www.rockwellautomation.com/go/converge.

NEW PREMISES

ZEST IN KWAZULU-NATAL

Zest Electric Motors & Drives' new purpose-built Durban office at Riverhorse Valley Business Estate just off Queen Nandi Drive on the N2 highway in Durban is consolidating Zest's presence in KwaZulu-Natal.

Zest Durban has a well-equipped training center which is now fully operational. The training center provides free customer training in VSDs. The branch is also looking at customer maintenance training to add value to its service offering which will allow potential customers to get a feel of the WEG range, as well as making them more proactive in fault-finding and repair processes.

The new Durban premises has also allowed Zest to boost its Premium Efficiency Plus (PEP) electric motor stockholding range in the region.

Contact (011) 723 6000 or www.zest.co.za.

APPOINTMENTS



ABERDARE CABLES
Harry Coetzee has been appointed CEO.



HV TEST
Glen Medlin has been appointed product specialist.



BOSCH PROJECTS
Mike van Kan has been appointed project engineer.



BOSCH PROJECTS
Mandla Ngema has been appointed project manager.



BOSCH PROJECTS
Riaan Badenhorst has been appointed discipline head: Electrical.



BOSCH PROJECTS
Louise Houseman has been appointed assistant business manager: Energy.