

CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

HAZARDOUS AREAS: MANUFACTURING, MINING, PROCESSING AND UTILITIES CONFERENCE

The Conference is a major event which brings together experienced professionals presenting papers and case studies with examples of real world working systems of conveyors and chutes. The conference covers two days. It will provide a unique opportunity for companies with products and expertise in conveyors and bulk materials handling.

Dates: 29-30 October 2008
Venue: Gallagher Estate, Midrand
Contact: Cheryl Reyneke 087 751 4394/cheryl@idc-online.co.za

ENERGY EFFICIENCY @ WORK - SAEEC 2008

The SAEEC2008 features a convention agenda with seminars and an exhibition on a variety of current topics and a comprehensive overview of the 'Energy Efficiency @ Work'. The SAEEC2008 together with the exhibition targets the complete spectrum of technologies and services of great importance to our delegates in attendance, including:

- Renewable and alternative energy.
- Combined heat and power/co-generation/distributed generation.
- Lighting efficiency.
- HVAC systems and controls.
- Integrated building automation and energy management.
- Thermal storage and load management.
- Boilers and combustion controls.
- Demand Side Management (DSM).
- Solar and fuel cell technologies.
- Energy services and project financing.

- Applications to National Energy Management programs.
- Bio-fuels.

There is no better way to find the immediate answers you need, and to assess the full scope of potential energy solutions available to you, than by attending the Southern African Energy Efficiency Convention (SAEEC2008).

Date: 6-7 November 2008
Venue: Birchwood Executive Hotel and Conference Centre, Gauteng
Contact: Erika Kruger 018 290 5130, 082 428 7386 or convention@saeec.org.za

SPS/IPC/DRIVES 2008

The annual SPS/IPC/DRIVES exhibition focuses on electric automation technology. It covers all components down to the system and offers integrated automation solutions.

Date: 25-27 November 2008
Venue: Exhibition Centre Nuremberg, Germany
Contact: www.mesago.de/en/SPS/main.htm

AFRICA POWER AND ELECTRICITY CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION

This event is Africa's most important forum for the power sector, where executives talk on investment, development and opportunities within the sector. Now in its 11th consecutive year the event will once again bring together African utilities, regulators, governments, financiers, developers, investors and key decision-makers in the continent's power sector.

Date: 20-24 April 2009
Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Contact: Taryn van Zanten on 011 516 4026/taryn.vanzanten@terrapiinn.co.za

CONTINUING EDUCATION

TECHNICAL TRAINING IN MOTOR MANAGEMENT

The global energy crisis, and the fact that 70% of electricity used in the country is attributed to electric motors, has spurred a drive to use high efficient motors; ensuring that when motors are repaired, efficiency is maintained. How do you measure the efficiency of motors? How do you ensure that only motors with acceptable efficiency are repaired? Can high efficiency motors be repaired?

This training session will give the attendee the basic understanding of the operation of ac and dc motors, and all the factors required to obtain the best from these motors. The course covers the selection, installation, maintenance, repair and efficient operation of electric motors.

The course presenter is Henry du Preez. Henry has a BSc Elec Eng from Wits, MBL from Unisa, GED Elec Eng and a Government Certificate (Electrical and Mechanical). He has over 46 years experience in the heavy engineering industry and mines and specialises in electrical machines and transformers.

Date: 28-29 October 2008
Venue: Hakunamatata, Muldersdrift
Contact: Charlene Andersen on charlene.a@telkomsa.net

OMRON TRAINING

Omron Electronics is hosting a number of training courses during October and November 2008 in the field of PLCs (three levels of training available), HMIs, an introductory course on drives, logic systems and basic computer skills. The courses are hosted at venues in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban

and Port Elizabeth. Dates and bookings can be confirmed with the organiser.
Contact: Terry-Lynn Botha at 011 579 2610 or terry.botha@eu.omron.com

MICHAEL BROWN'S PRACTICAL PROCESS CONTROL COURSES

These courses are invaluable to novices, as well as to extremely experienced practitioners in the field of regulatory control optimisation. The series consists of three courses:

- Introduction and appreciation of practical process control (one day): for non-instrument people who work in process plants, but have no previous experience or practical training in control, like process engineers, operators, production managers, metallurgists and chemical engineers.
- Practical process control Part 1: Troubleshooting and loop tuning (3 days): For instrument and control personnel like mechanics, technicians and engineers.
- Practical process control Part 2: Control techniques for more difficult processes (2 days): This course deals with control of processes with difficult dynamics, and techniques like feed-forward.

Part 1 and 2 have been validated for ECSA CPD points.
Date: Starting on the 7th November 2008.
Venue: Johannesburg
Contact: Michael Brown on 011 486 0567, michael.brown@pixie.co.za or visit www.controlloop.co.za

WEBSITE

GRAFOPLAST ADDS ON-LINE SHOPPING TO WEBSITE

Some 4 000 products in Grafoplast's range can now be ordered on-line through the addition of a shop section on the www.grafoplast.co.za website. This user-friendly tool has been put in place to provide an improved service to customers.

The website covers Grafoplast's local range of marking systems, tags, labels, stainless steel cable ties, cable conduits and sleeving. Grafoplast International covers plotters, printers and accessories. There's the Cabur range of terminal blocks, power supplies and converters; Interflex flexible conduiting (metal and polyamide) and stainless steel cable trays; the Velcro range of fasteners, tapes, industrial and consumer products; and the Vimar ranges of switch covers, plugs and sockets.
Enquiries: 011 704 3295

APPOINTMENTS



SIEMENS ENTERPRISE COMMUNICATIONS
 Waldemar van Zyl has been appointed as divisional manager of Services.



TRIDONIC ATCO
 Shiraaz Abdoola has been appointed as operations controller for the Jet Park head office.



ENDRESS+HAUSER
 Susan Buitendag has been appointed to the position of business driver – EPC.



ENDRESS+HAUSER
 Carl Clements has been appointed to the position of project engineer – Proposals.



ENDRESS+HAUSER
 Ingrid Nicolaus has been appointed to the position of marketing communications manager.



TECTRA AUTOMATION
 Kevin Lombard has been appointed to the position of general manager.



SEW EURODRIVE
 Goodwill Maseko has been appointed as an internal sales consultant in Johannesburg.



SEW EURODRIVE
 Cas de Jager has been promoted to Durban branch manager.



APC BY SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC
 Gina Santos has been appointed as distribution account manager for South Africa.



ALTRON
 Alex Smith has been appointed as an executive director.



ALSTOM SWITCHGEAR
 David Geldart has been promoted to general manager.



ALSTOM SWITCHGEAR
 Greg Whyte has transferred to marketing and customer services strategy manager.