

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

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WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARKS IN SA

South Africa will host the XXV IASP World Conference on Science and Technology Park where 60 leading minds from across the globe will present their experiences and the role that science parks have played in accelerating the economic growth of knowledge in their countries. Already 47 participating countries have enrolled for the conference.

Entrepreneurship, partnerships, policies, new horizons, building capabilities, fast-tracking, innovation and business country culture, staffing, design, incubators, cities and their science parks, and impact measures, form part of the main theme of the conference. The proceedings consist of 68 papers representing 27 countries that address the role of science parks in accelerating knowledge economy growth – contrast between the knowledge economy of emerging and developing countries. Policymakers, investors, business and technology leaders, and anyone who has a vested interest or role in the economic growth of Africa, should attend this conference.

Dates: 14-17 September 2008

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg

Contact www.iaspsa2008.com/index.html

SIEMENS TIA USER FORUM

The important contribution of efficient and effective automation and plant intelligence in maintaining a competitive advantage and ensuring maximum profitability in the manufacturing arena will be highlighted at the eighth annual Siemens TIA (Totally Integrated Automation) User Forum. Centred on the theme of the TIA methodology which, when implemented, minimises complexity and translates into increased productivity, international guest speakers from Europe and North America will be presenting expert topics covering the latest trends and products in factory and process automation, safety, energy saving, as well as electrical and drives technology. Delegates can choose to attend eight break-away streams with detailed presentations, workshops and training sessions all aimed at improving their knowledge and equipping them with insights into the latest trends and developments in the field of automation. With this unique blend of education, networking, best practice sharing, and technology, engineers who are responsible for the selection, design, engineering, maintenance, integration, operation, or justification for automation and electrical technologies and products will greatly benefit from attending the TIA User Forum.

Date: 27-29 October 2008

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg

Contact 011 652 2000

SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY INSITE

The International Science, Innovation and Technology Exhibition (INSITE) is South Africa's premier science and technology event. The exhibition provides an international showcase for the innovative science and technology solutions that are emerging in response to some of the world's most pressing social and economic challenges. Driven by South Africa's national Department of Science and Technology (DST), INSITE showcases these progressive solutions by demonstrating their practical application

and creating a vision of what the future holds.

The exhibition will provide a platform for assembling the world's leading innovators and scientists – from as far as the Arctic, to the Southern most tip of Africa – in one place, stimulating global interaction and exchange. The exhibition:

- Provides an international marketplace for innovation, science and technology (IST), particularly in the context of long-term sustainability.
- Embraces IST solutions for the developed and developing world.
- Promotes IST partnerships for global sustainable development.
- Provides networking opportunities across industries that enable IST experts from across the globe to identify joint objectives, activities and initiatives.

Dates: 15-17 September 2008

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY @ WORK

A convention that features a seminar and exhibition on a variety of current topics and a comprehensive overview of energy efficiency in the workplace.

Date: 6-7 November 2008

Venue: Birchwood Executive Hotel and Conference Centre, Gauteng

Contact Marietjie Strydom 018 294 7174 or admin@sae.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

CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISASTER MANAGEMENT COURSE – WHAT IF?

Human error, mechanical error, power loss, natural disasters – is your organisation equipped to deal with these scenarios? You need to know how a disaster will affect your company, and how a disaster can be managed with as little loss to time and revenue as possible.

AstroTech is hosting a training programme called "Disaster Management and Recovery" that will assist you in preparing and making provision for any form of disaster.

Dates: 10-12 September 2008

Venue: Johannesburg

Contact Fuwaad, Riana, Alex or Tracy on 0861 278 768/
www.astemail4.co.za

TECHNICAL EXPERT BECOMES SALES CONSULTANT

Technical experts often become sales consultants. No-one knows or understands the company's products better than they do. But selling the products is a whole new ball game. Suddenly interpersonal skills, relationship building, the art of persuasion, delivering compelling presentations and selling itself constitute part of the new skill-set required. If you need to bridge the gap between being a specialist

and a successful sales person, AstroTech offers a course on "Bridging the Gap: From technical person to successful sales person."

Dates: 15-17 October 2008

Venue: Johannesburg area

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CITECT EDUCATION SERVICES

Citect brings education to your premises or site of choice allowing your organisation to educate more employees and saving time and travel expenses. The course range includes:

- CitectHMI/SCADA configuration
- CiCode programming
- CitectSCADA networking and architecture
- CitectSCADA customisation and design
- CitectSCADA reports
- Ampla performance
- Ampla performance client
- CCE examination

Various dates are available.

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

OIL ANALYSIS AND MACHINERY AND LUBRICATION TRAINING 2008

Oil analysis courses for different levels will be presented in Johannesburg and Durban during 2008 by WearCheck Africa. Machinery and Lubrication (MLA) courses will also be presented by WearCheck in joint venture with the ABB School of Maintenance.

6-8 October: Machinery & Lubrication: Level One

9-10 October: Machinery & Lubrication: Level Two

Venue: ABB School of Maintenance, Durban

14 October: WearCheck 1: Oil analysis orientation

15 October: WearCheck 2: Understanding oil analysis

16 October: WearCheck 3: Oil analysis report interpretation

17 October: WearCheck 4: Oil analysis management

Venue: WearCheck, Johannesburg

For all bookings phone Patrys Huggett at WearCheck on 011 392 6322.

APPOINTMENTS



OEN ENTERPRISES
Jan Pretorius has been appointed as sales engineer.

ACHIEVEMENTS

ALTRON

Dr Bill Venter, founder and chairman of the Altron Group, was named as this year's recipient of the international Picmet Leadership in Technology Management Award by the executive of Picmet.



NEW PREMISES

SPEROSENS

Due to expanded business in the area, the company recently opened a branch in Klerksdorp area. The branch is being managed by Dougie Henning. The office is situated at 32A Central Avenue.
Contact Dougie at 018 468 1678/henning@spero.co.za