

Keeping the metalforming sector in shape



ICOSPA Congress 2011

Aachen Germany • 18-21 September 2011

Make plans to attend...

... Connect with more than 200 executive managers and owners of component parts, assemblies and end-product manufacturing companies from Germany, France, Japan, United Kingdom, USA, The Netherlands, and many other countries.

... Gain an understanding of the business issues, technology developments and management practices affecting global metalforming industries.

... Experience global networking in Aachen, centre of German Engineering education and knowledge, with a rich manufacturing tradition in its direct surroundings.

... Visit outstanding metalforming companies and OEMs and view technological developments on site.

... The organizing associations are looking forward to meeting you in Aachen.

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Aachen

Aachen is love at first sight. Approaching the town, you may not see an imposing skyline, but nature's greenery makes you feel heartily welcome! Aachen lies in a virtual valley, surrounded by fields, woods and hills. At its portals - closeby where three countries meet; Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium - you find the nature reserves of the Ardennes and the Eifel. And Aachen exhilarates: its warm water springs have been enjoyed for more than two thousand years! From Roman times there have been good connections with the rest of Europe. Today, the town is reachable by motorways from Cologne and Dusseldorf, Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris. Via the airports of Maastricht/Aachen, Dusseldorf, Cologne and Brussels, or by fast train from Cologne/Dusseldorf, Brussels, Paris/London.

Amsterdam

The town is a real pleasure for the pedestrian. The streets invitingly beckon the casual stroller, the loungeur. The health cures and the conferences are never far apart and there is always a worthwhile diversion.

Aachen turns apparent contradictions into a sparkling entity. A metropolis nestling in natural surroundings, with a southern germanic atmosphere, historic tradition and all the allure of modern living. Is this promising too much? Come and see for yourself!

The RWTH (Rhineland-Westphalia Technical University) plays a big role in Aachen's future. The idea of a unified Europe, which has been formed by Charlemagne a long time ago, also contributes to a life that is future oriented. The economic future of Aachen has been guaranteed well in advance due to the establishment of large corporations in the area. All of this shows that Aachen is not just a town with a long and rich past but also with a bright future.

Brussel

Maastricht

Lüttich

Aachen

Düsseldorf

Köln



Invitation

It is my great honour to welcome you and all of our friends from around the world to the opening of the 17th International Congress of Sheet Metal Presswork Associations (ICOSPA), September 18 -21, 2011, in Aachen, Germany.

The ICOSPA Congress is being held every three years. This year Aachen is the centre where the worldwide representatives of the international stamping industry and related industries will gather. Aachen has a long industrial history. But with the power of innovation, as Aachen also is the hometown of one of the leading German Technical Universities and Technological institutes. With this background and the pleasant atmosphere in which to work and live Aachen is the ideal place to host the ICOSPA Congress.

The last three years have been crucial for our sector. Recovering from the worldwide financial and economic crises our companies have had difficult times. Today we are facing a brighter future. Although I realize that our Japanese friends are still experiencing difficult times in the aftermath of the terrible natural disaster that struck their country earlier this year. Helping each other in finding solutions for issues that play a crucial role in our sector is one of the aims of ICOSPA. Therefore it is my sincere hope that with this Congress we can bring together as many friends from our industry as possible to exchange thoughts, ideas and solutions for keeping the metal forming sector in shape.

We have made an overall programme that combines management, technological and organizational themes enlightened with company visits and an attractive informal part, providing an ideal breeding ground for addressing current topics, discussing technological developments and exchanging day-to-day issues that play a role in our industry.



A warm welcome in Aachen on 18. September!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Brüninghaus".

Dr. Gerhard Brüninghaus, MD Brüninghaus & Drissner GmbH
ICOSPA President

Congress Schedule

The congress will take place at the Pullman Aachen Quellenhof hotel



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Registration form attached

Sunday, 18 September 2011

- 10:00 to 18:00 Registration of participants and partners in Hotel Quellenhof
- 14:00 to 17:30 Presidents Council meeting
- 18:00 to 21:00 Welcome Reception

Monday, 19 September 2011

- 08:30 Opening of the ICOSPA products and services exhibition
- 09:00 Welcome and opening of the ICOSPA Congress
by the president Dr. Gerhard Brüninghaus

Jürgen R. Thumann, President BUSINESS-Europe
The future of industrial production (Energy, Personnel, Technics)

Dr.-Ing. Heike Denecke-Arnold, ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe AG
Developments in the market for steel and raw materials

Lars Stolz, Oliver Wyman Consulting GmbH
Suppliers on the edge of local production and international growth markets
- 13:00 Plant tours (D/NL)
- 19:30 Dinnercruise on the river Maas, departing from Maastricht (The Netherlands)



Tuesday, 20 September 2011

- 08:30 Opening of the ICOSPA products and services exhibition
- 09:00 Welcome and opening of the ICOSPA Congress day II
by Jellard Koers, Boardmember NEVAT
- Prof. Dr. Engelbert Westkämper, IFF Stuttgart
Key elements that drive our industrial production in future
- Michael Fritz, TRUMPF Laser- und Systemtechnik GmbH
Lasertechnology moving on in serial production
- Luc Brouns, Royal Philips Electronics
Metal parts in consumer products; the impact of new materials
- Dr. Peter Ottenbruch, Boardmember ZF Friedrichshafen AG
Cost management within the product development process
- 13:00 Plant tours (D/NL)
- 19:30 Reception at the Aachen town hall
Welcome by Marcel Philipp, Mayor of Aachen
- 20:30 Discover Aachen (Evening free to do as one likes)



Wednesday, 21 September 2011

- 08:30 Opening of the ICOSPA products and services exhibition
- 09:00 Welcome and opening of the ICOSPA Congress day III
by Dr. Gerhard Brüninghaus
- Axel Meyer, Schuler Pressen GmbH
Productivity gains and process optimization with servo press technology
- Eberhard Weiblen, Porsche Consulting
Organizing the production process at successful suppliers
- Dr. Winfried Blümel, Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG
Integrating lean production processes successfully
- Dr. Paul Nieuwenhuis, Centre for Automotive Industry Research,
Cardiff University
Is there a future for steel in automotive?



Discussion round:

What moves the supplying industry; worldwide opinions brought together.

- 14:30 Visit at the RWTH Aachen / Presentations
Björn Feldhaus, Production- and machinetools of the future
- 16:15 Guided tour through the historic City centre of Aachen
(See spouse program)
- 20:30 Farewell party Hotel Quellenhof

Spouse/Guest Programme

Monday 19. September 2011

09:30 – 12:30

Tour of the old town - The Classic

The historic old town of Aachen invites to go for a stroll. Be guided through narrow alleys and across historic squares through the almost 2000 year-old history of Aachen. Experience all facets of Aachen, a modern city with beautiful historic town houses, many old and new fountains and innumerable stories all about the Cathedral and the town hall.

Lunch

14:15

Tour of the Town Hall

In the 14th century the town hall of Aachen was built on the foundation walls of the Carolingian palace. The neo-gothic outside appearance and the baroque inside of the building are a reflection of its eventful history. Where at first Charlemagne during his imperial residence celebrated grandiose festivities, numerous crowned kings did the same in the crowning hall.

Enjoy a guided tour through the building, which today is the location for the famous International Charlemagne Prize and at the same time is the official residence of the Lord Mayor.

Couven-Museum

The Couven-Museum features the development of the bourgeois culture of living in the 18th and 19th century. It covers the following styles: Rococo, early classicism, empire style and Biedermeier period, Aachen Liège furniture of the 18th century, faiences, precious glass and porcelain. The Couven-Museum is located in a house built in 1778, which belonged to the old Aachen apothecary family of Monheim. Its current name stems from the famous Aachen architect Johann Joseph Couven (1701-1763).





Tuesday, 20. September 2011

09:00 Departure to Maastricht

Coffee or tea with local special treat

Citywalk with a typical Maastricht liqueur

The guided citywalk will show you the prettiest spots in the old city centre, including the restored Stokstraat Quarter, the Basilica of Our Lady on the O.L.Vrouweplein, the Ramparts, the Parks, the Jeker Quarter and Vrijthof Square with the Church of St. Jan and the Basilica of St. Servatius.

Lunch

Thiessen Wijnkoopers

Thiessen Wijnkoopers since 1870, the vineyard in the heart of Maastricht. You will taste the history of wine in the centre of Maastricht. You start with a tour through the ancient cellars and the revamped bottling room. Next, you will visit the sampling site/rooms, which takes approximately one hour. Obviously, both tours and the tasting are provided by our cellar master.

Wednesday, 21. September 2011

09:00 **Abbay Val-Dieu**

The Abbey from Val-Dieu is located near Aubel and is the only monastery that has escaped the French Revolution. Homogeneously built in the Renaissance style of the 17-18th century, she is particularly attractive. Some parts of the Roman and gothic period remain as a testimony of its older part. This jewel is surrounded by the unspoiled Berwine valley. She brings you to peace like monks did through their contemplative life.

Lunch at Casse-Croute

For all participants:

16:15 Combining Cathedral and Treasure Chamber

Cathedral

Aachen Cathedral is a special kind of World Heritage Site. The core of this building is more than 1200 years old. The former Palace Chapel of Charlemagne has developed into one of the most interesting cathedrals of Western Europe.

Treasure Chamber

The Aachen Cathedral Treasury is considered one of the most important church treasuries north of the Alps. It displays sacral masterpieces of the late Classical, Carolingian, Ottonian and Staufian periods, among them unique exhibits like the "Cross of Lothair", the "Bust of Charlemagne" and the "Persephone sarcophagus". These and many more objects document the significance of Aachen Cathedral as the site of the medieval shrine chamber in a naturally evolved unified whole.



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About ICOSPA

ICOSPA is the International Council of Sheet Metal Presswork Associations. It is comprised of the national trade associations representing metalforming industries in Europe, Asia and North America, including: Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. An International Congress is held every three years, hosted and organized on a rotating basis by one of the member associations.



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